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SASSY SPRING

Local designers' fashions head down the runway,
just in time for Mother's Day.

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Mothers, daughters do catwalk at Willard Chapel

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Models will strut down the runway at the "Sassy Spring Fashions" show Saturday in everything from vintage to contemporary fashions designed largely by local designers.

The show, which will be held at Willard Memorial Chapel, will benefit the ongoing restoration project at the chapel. With the event falling the day before Mother's Day, organizers are hoping daughters will turn the show into an event to experience with their mothers.

"We thought it would be a nice outing for people looking to do things with their mom," said Jessie Kline, one of the designers in the show. "The setting is obviously beautiful and I do think it is unique."

The chapel hosted a similar fashion show in the fall, which Kline said was a success.

Kline and Auburn High School student Eric DiMatteo, another designer in the show, had put on similar shows in Syracuse and organizers at the chapel believed the shows would play well in Auburn. The show at Willard is a lot more intimate than other shows DiMatteo has participated in, he said.

"It's the closest that you can get to a fashion show," he said, noting that the audience can see all the aspects of the clothing up close.

Kline said her fashions are all vintage, original clothing from the 1960s and 70s.

Kline's ensembles will showcase



Maureen McEvers and her daughter Morgan, 10, model the Jessie Kline dresses they will be wearing for the "Sassy Spring Fashions" show on the left. On the right, they wear dresses by Eric DiMatteo of Auburn.



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the root of fashions that are popular today, focusing largely on Mod fashions of the 1970s. A lot of Mod designs and other designs from the 1960s are replicated in fashion today, and Kline aims to show "where the

styles come from" with her collection of vintage clothing.

DiMatteo designs his own clothing, which is described as "one of a kind and almost cutting-edge," said Maureen McEvers, one of organ-

izers for the event. His fashions for the spring show will focus on floral designs, in terms of "using fabric in interesting ways to almost look floral," DiMatteo said.

"I don't take fashion very seri-

If you go

What: "Sassy Spring Fashions" show

When: Doors open at noon, shows at 1 and 3 p.m., Saturday

Where: Willard Memorial Chapel, 17 Nelson St., Auburn

Cost: \$10 general admission, \$5 students

For details: Call 252-0339

ously," he said, adding that he enjoys designing whimsical, original clothing. "Who cares what you wear, if you love it?"

The other designers are Megan Lawson Clark, who is famous for her hand-painted scarves; Erin Savino, another Auburn High School student; and Audrey Long. In addition, Jane Morgan's Little House will provide spring fashions for the show. Saturday's outing will also offer shopping opportunities, with several vendors selling a variety of items from clothing to accessories.

The Cayuga Museum will be bringing a fashion display, which will be a sampling of fashions in the museum's current 50s exhibit.

"It's just kind of a one-stop deal," Kline said.

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On the cover: Maureen McEvers and daughter Morgan model dresses made by designer Eric DiMatteo outside Willard Chapel.