

# 100% *competition*

## LIGHT MAGICIANS

VISI's first Haute Lumière Lighting Competition, in association with Paul Pamboukian Lighting Design and Sanlam SA Fashion Week, has produced six promising finalists.

In the world of interiors, light plays the same anchoring role as shoes do in the fashion industry. This is why countless local designers seized the opportunity to design groundbreaking new lights or lighting installations around the theme 'Fashioning Light'. The panel of judges selected six finalists who attended an insightful workshop led by Paul Pamboukian in order to refine their prototypes.

1 **TARA CARMICHAEL** used cream chiffon to make a 3m-long 'skirt' that created a lighting column.

2 **MICHAELLA JANSE VAN VUUREN** designed her light trio – two round lights and a square one – on computer with the aid of 'Rapid Prototyping' and 'Selective Laser Clinkering'. The design was printed onto nylon material and she chose bulbs that change colour.

3 **GRACE GALUSZYNSKI'S** reinterpretation of the familiar heart form – in hand-knitted wire and engineered mesh – tells the story of how the essence of fashion, although sometimes misinterpreted and misrepresented by society, maintains an energy that is influential.

4 **CHARLOTTE JANSE VAN VUUREN** calls her light a 'contemporary frilly dress' that plays with shadows: three baking moulds were covered with five layers of perforated semi-transparent fabric to conceal the LED lights on the inside.

5 **BONGISA MSUTU** placed a 2m-high aluminium frame inside a Perspex container upon which a poem was printed, and lit it from below. Chicken wire 'embroidered' with white knitting wool was used on the inside.

6 **COENRAAD MARITZ'S** five plastic lamp shades resembling Voortrekker bonnets were made using laser cutting. They were then 'embroidered' with ribbon before being suspended between two boxes. The shades are lit from the bottom box and the patterns are projected onto the top box.

ONCE AGAIN, THE SECOND HAUTE LUMIÈRE LIGHTING COMPETITION WILL BE PRESENTED IN 2008 IN ASSOCIATION WITH PAUL PAMBOUKIAN LIGHTING DESIGN AND SANLAM SA FASHION WEEK. FULL DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR HOLIDAY ISSUE, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 5 DECEMBER. THE INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.VISI.CO.ZA](http://WWW.VISI.CO.ZA).

