



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New Season: America's Next Top Model 5 TX: Tuesday 23 September at 9pm**

The models are back for a fifth season of America's Next Top Model and it's going to be more rivetting than the last. Get a front row seat with e.tv from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9pm.

Watch 33 contestants jet into Los Angeles for the opportunity to change their lives and gain a spot in the final 13. Throughout the course of the show, the contestants will receive weekly challenges preparing them for the modelling world. Each week one girl will be eliminated.

They are all competing against each other to win a contract with CoverGirl cosmetics worth \$100,000, a modelling contract with Ford models and a spread in Elle girl magazine.

Host and former supermodel, Tyra Banks and her judging panel will decide who the lucky girl is. Joining her is Twiggy; the iconic supermodel from the 60's who changed the fashion industry with her high fashion model look. In addition, J. Alexander, runway coach joins photographer, Nigel Barker and as always a guest judge will join the foursome each week.

This season, the girls will receive makeovers and will fly overseas for the last few weeks of the competition. They will be exposed to top designers, photographers and celebrities during the show.

Watch ordinary girls get transformed into fierce top models.

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#### **Tyra Banks**

Tyra Banks is a former supermodel turned business woman who has her own talk show and is executive producer of America's Next Top Model. She is the first African American model to be on the cover of American GQ magazine and Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition. Tyra got her big break in modelling in Paris and has worked for Cynthia Rowley, Chanel, Christian Dior, Dolce & Gabbana and Victoria's Secrets.

Her most well known movie is Coyote Ugly and Time magazine voted her one of four most influential black women in the world. She made an estimated 18 million dollars last year alone.

#### **Twiggy**

Twiggy appeared on the modelling scene in 1966 when photographer Barry Lategan took her picture. She became an overnight sensation with her short-haired look that was neither masculine nor feminine. Her style has graced the runways of the world for 40 years.

She was only 16 at the start of her career and weighed 41 kg at the time. She is also well known for drawing long fake eyelashes under her bottom eyelashes and today they are known as Twiggy's. She retired after four years of modelling.

#### **Nigel Barker**

Nigel is a British photographer and is half Indian on his mother's side. He initially wanted to study medicine but his mother (a former Miss India) entered him in a modelling competition which he won.

He started modelling and after 10 years he became a photographer. He is married to Cristen Chin Barker and they are expecting their second child.

**J. Alexander**

J. Alexander is affectionately known as Miss J on America's Next Top Model due to his flamboyant dress style. He is a runway coach and started his career teaching models how to walk backstage. He soon gained prominence when he taught Naomi Campbell and Kimora Lee to strut on the ramp. He currently lives in Paris.