

TIM GUNN

Tim began his fashion career at Parsons School of Design, serving as a member of the administration and faculty for 29 years. As the Chair of the Department of Fashion Design at Parsons, he was charged with retooling and invigorating the curriculum for the 21st century. Under his direction, the department was repositioned as the indisputable leader in fashion design education in America and as one of only a handful of leading programs in the world. Upon leaving Parsons, he received the title of Honorary Chair of Fashion Design at the school.

Tim is a *New York Times* best-selling author penning, *Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste and Style*, *Gunn's Golden Rules: Life's Little Lessons for Making It Work*, and *Tim Gunn's Fashion Bible: The Fascinating History of Everything in Your Closet*. His most recent book, *The Natty Professor: A Master Class on Mentoring, Motivating, and Making It Work!*, imparts valuable insights from his personal experiences on themes like truth-telling, empathy, teaching and learning.

In addition to authoring multiple books, Tim has written for publications like *Elle*, *Seventeen*, *People*, *Marie Claire* and *Fortune* and has had interviews featured in *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *Fast Company*, among others. He has covered the red carpet at the Academy Awards, Emmy Awards and Golden Globes for *The Today Show*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and *ABC*.

Throughout his career, Tim has fought to ban the use of fur in fashion, joining forces with PETA to support fur ban bills in New York City and California. From his time at Parsons to his work on *Project Runway* and *Making The Cut*, he has played a pivotal role in carving a space for the LGBTQ+ community in the fashion industry and beyond.