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THE CITY'S LIGHTS

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FASHION, THEN AND NOW: DESIGNERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



VIEW OF THE THIERRY MUGLER EXPOSITION : COUTURISSIME, © MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONTRÉAL
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A HYMN TO HIGH FASHION

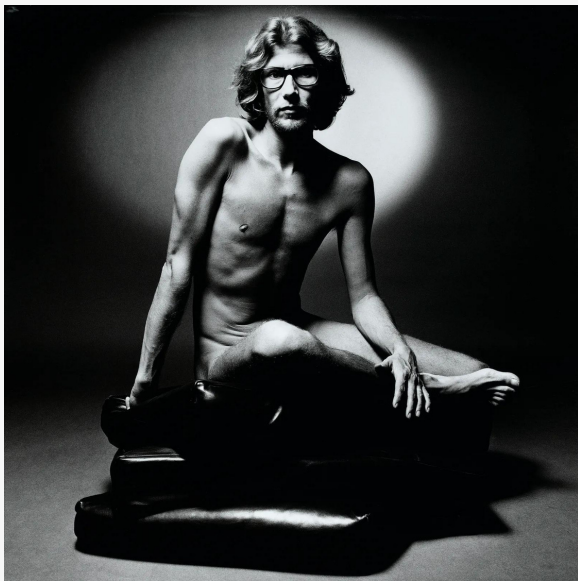
It's a good year for fashion aficionados, as the season opens with much attention given to the cultural influence of the city's designers. Add to that exclusive creations by Charles Ray, as well as the works of Gallen Kalléla displayed at the Musée Jacquemart Adnre, and you have the lineup for this month!

Yves Saint Laurent aux Musées

City-wide exhibit across 6 parisian museums

FROM THE LOUVRE TO THE MODERN ART MUSEUM

JANUARY 29TH TO MAY 15TH 2022



To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Yves Saint Laurent's first fashion show, a series of exhibits have been set up to commemorate the designer's work.

Fashion icon and true man of his time, Yves Saint Laurent (1936 - 2008), then 21 years old, succeeded Christian Dior, and founded his own brand just ten years later.



Portrait of Yves Saint Laurent by Jeanloup Sieff, 1971 © SAIF
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Through his creative style accentuating the beauty of the body's movement, he was poised to become one of the most important designers of his century, all while describing himself as a simple "artisan, a maker of happiness." Ambassador of French elegance, he also sought inspiration outside of Western borders, and introduced the tarbouche, the burnou and the caftan to his audience.

This group of exhibitions is dedicated to the exploration of the designer's inspirations. Saunter through the Musée Picasso's Salon Jupiter to find the mark left by cubism on the autumn/winter collections of 1979. You can also flutter through the artist's archives at the YSL museum, or admire the works of his youth at the Centre Pompidou.

Yves Saint Laurent, Short Cocktail Dress, Yves Saint Laurent, homage to Piet Mondrian, ©Nicolas Mathéus.

Thierry Mugler

Thierry Mugler, Couturissime

MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS - **UNTIL APRIL 24TH 2022**

The Decorative Arts Museum is celebrating the late designer's (1948- 2022) work, through a sizeable exhibition recounting his career, creations, and grandiose shows that left their mark on the world of fashion. Stylist for various celebrities, whether it be David Bowie or Céline Dion, or even Jerry Hall, Mugler is also known for his cinema collaborations with stars like Juliette Binoche or Isabelle Hupert.

The exhibit retraces the designer's key collections, like *Insects* and *Chimeras*, from 1997-1998, displaying an animal world inhabited by extravagant nymphs. Mugler also showed interest in futurist aesthetics, as seen in his robotic cuirasses that transform his models into transhuman beings. Unsurprisingly, we also find sensual vinyl outfits in his wardrobe, tinted with "glamazon" eroticism. The museum offers an immersive and sensorial experience through each of these universes, shining a light on late 20th century fashion's explosive inspiration.



Thierry Mugler, *Les Insectes* collection, Spring/Summer 1997, « carapace » painted latex dress ©Indüustria/Brad Branson and Fritz Kok.



Thierry Mugler, *La chimère* collection, Autumn/Winter 1997-1998. © Alan Strutt.

Love brings love

A show dedicated to Alber Elbaz

PALAIS GALLIERA

MARCH 5TH TO JULY 10TH 2022

The Galliera Palace invites you to its key event for the coming months : a show-exhibition dedicated to Alber Elbaz (1961-2021). This original format gathers creations from 44 designers presented at the Carreau du Temple on October 5th 2021. The exhibit recreates the world of the man who sought to sublimate the female body through draping. Whether it be through his print, large bow, or ruffle dresses, his creations espouse the movements of flesh. Elbaz worked by the sides of Geoffrey Beene, Guy Laroche and the Lanvin house. The Galliera Palace offers an immersion into the designer's creativity through «Love Brings Love», a saying now made famous by Elbaz.



Valentino for the AZ Factory collaborative show, Spring/Summer 2022, © Vogue / Photo : Filippo Fior.



Jean Paul Gaultier, "cage" dress, Spring/Summer 1989 / ©Paris Musées, Palais Galliera / Photo : Stanislas Wolff.

A History of Fashion

An overview of fashion from the 18th to the 21st century

PALAIS GALLIERA -
UNTIL JUNE 26TH 2022

Galliera also offers an ode to fashion through the centuries, gathering almost 350 key creations retracing the evolution of trends. The Palace reveals these precious collections in an intimate space, with each section themed upon a specific universe: japanese kimonos in painted cotton, luxurious prints from the 19th century, and famous cocktail dresses from the 1950s, all while passing by great designers like Dior or Poiret.

DON'T MISS

Charles Ray

Sculpture-fiction

CENTRE POMPIDOU - **FEBRUARY 16TH TO JUNE 20TH 2022**
 PINAULT COLLECTION - **UNTIL JUNE 6TH 2022**



Charles Ray, « Fall '91 », 1992 © Charles Ray Courtesy Matthew Marks Gallery / Photo : Anthony Cunha.

Charles Ray experiments with gravity, the weight of his subjects and optical illusion. He often finds himself using his own body to convey these illusions in his works, playing with perspective to create a misleading reality.

For spring, the Centre Pompidou and the Pinault Collection are putting forward the enigmatic portfolio of contemporary American sculptor Charles Ray. Throughout the 50 years of his career, spectators found themselves enthralled by his sensibility for the sculptural representation of people and other objects. The exhibit gathers troubling and captivating works, that renew the rules of the art and blur the borders between reality and illusion.



Charles Ray, Unpainted Sculpture, 1997, Painted Glass Fiber, 152.40 x 198.00 x 434.00 cm, © Charles Ray Courtesy of the artist / Photo : Josh White.

Contemporary art enthusiasts can find plenty more to satisfy their cultural desires thanks to our upcoming Journey: *Paris Contemporain*, covering the best the city has to offer when it comes to the fresh, forward thinking vanguard of painting, sculpture, and design.

*Thank you and
see you soon!*

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about each of these cultural events, and for any
reservation you might need.

