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Maria Grazia Chiuri lauded for expressive strides for women in fashion

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Maria Grazia Chiuri is the recipient of the 2022 Couture Council Award for Artistry of Fashion. Image credit: Maripol

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The Couture Council of the Museum at FIT has announced it is honoring Maria Grazia Chiuri, creative director for Dior, with its 2022 Couture Council Award for Artistry of Fashion.

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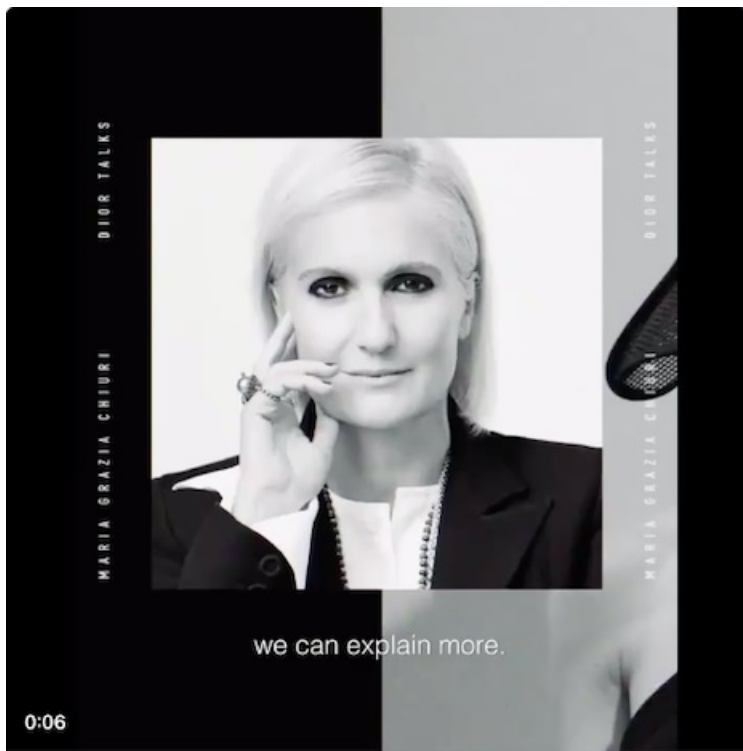
Ms. Chiuri will receive the award at a special luncheon on Sept. 7 at Lincoln Center, coinciding with the arrival of New York Fashion Week. She is being celebrated for her notable design work over the years, serving luxury brands including Dior, Valentino and Fendi.

"I'm honored and thrilled that my work has been recognized with the prestigious Couture Council Award for Artistry of Fashion," Ms. Chiuri said in a statement. "This award strengthens my conviction as to the importance today of completing a project in which research, experimenting, savoir-faire and commitment are our daily challenges."

A force in fashion

Ms. Chiuri is lauded as one of the most successful designers in the fashion industry, producing work with a strong artistic vision that caters to the needs of women.

She began her tenure at Dior in 2016 and has produced work with strong themes of empowerment, unity and feminism. Her work invites women to highlight their genuine identities.



Ms. Chiuri, who was featured in an episode of "Dior Talks" has been with the house since 2016. Image credit: Dior

Before Dior, she worked at Valentino for 17 years as an accessories designer and joint creative director. She also designed handbags at Fendi.

Ms. Chiuri has also received accolades from the French government.

Previous winners of the Couture Council Award are Wes Gordon in 2021, Christian Louboutin in 2019 ([see story](#)) and Narciso Rodriguez in 2018.

"Maria Grazia Chiuri believes that fashion is a fundamental part of life, and accordingly, designs with elegance and grace for women of all sizes, all ages, and all shapes," said Dr. Joyce F. Brown, president of FIT, in a statement. "Her vision that one can be both a feminist and feminine is reflected throughout her collections.

"For aspiring designers, such as the students at FIT, she is an inspiration, and it is our honor to recognize her work and contributions to the world of fashion."

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