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Tod's announces creative director stepping down

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No replacement has been named yet, but Mr. Chiapponi will show his last collection on Sept. 22, 2023. Image credit: Tod's

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Italian fashion label Tod's is making a big adjustment to its talent roster.

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Announced on Wednesday, July 12, the brand's current creative director Walter Chiapponi is stepping down. No replacement has been named yet, but Mr. Chiapponi will show his last collection on Sept. 22, 2023.

"We thank Walter for the journey we have walked together, for his creativity and for the commitment we have shared together," said Diego Della Valle, chairman and CEO of the **Tod's Group**, in a statement.

"Like Walter, we too will remember this experience in the best possible way," Mr. Valle said. "I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people in the style office who work with great skill and commitment to the brand and company, enabling us to obtain excellent results."

Fashion farewell

The creative director is leaving by mutual agreement, ending a four-year run with the company, having taken up his post in 2019.

Mr. Chiapponi spearheaded the men's and women's collections during his time with Tod's and will showcase his last creation this autumn. During the Milan women's fashion week, his spring/summer 2024 women's collection will be unveiled.

Framed by a splendid mix of architecture and Italian design, the **#Tods** Pre-Fall 2023 collection is the expression of modern elegance. Watch the video and discover more at:

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Tod's Creative Director: Walter Chiapponi **#TodsFW23** pic.twitter.com/DYK7WhYU3B

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In the past, Mr. Chiapponi has been responsible for a range of looks, such as the most recent collections dropped in 2022. The designer crafted sporty menswear lineups ([see story](#)) and artsy autumn campaigns ([see story](#)) alike in a show of versatility.

In the coming months, Tod's will announce a new creative director to fill the soon-to-be-vacant slot.

"Dedication, love and energy," said Mr. Chiapponi, in a statement.

"This is how I would like to thank and greet Tod's, starting from a truly special style team that supported my vision for four years and that contributed to this beautiful journey with delicacy, attention, passion and trust," he said. "An extraordinary experience, both personally and creatively, made of courage and temper, evolution and support, especially in the most delicate moments in life.

"Most of all, I thank Diego and Andrea Della Valle who believed in me."

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