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The Met brings women designers into focus with fall exhibit

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The over 150-year-old museum is now home to approximately 80 different ensembles from the last 120 years. Image credit: The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art is unveiling its latest exhibition.

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Announced on Aug. 16, The Costume Institute's "Women Dressing Women" will feature fashion created by women designers and women-led labels. With outfits spanning centuries-old pieces to current releases, the showing will shine a light on often under-appreciated contributions to the world of luxury apparel.

"This timely exhibition will invite visitors to reflect on the vital contributions of women to fashion from the early 20th century to the present through The Costume Institute's incomparable collection," said Max Hollein, CEO of [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), in a statement.

"Women Dressing Women' will also continue the Museum's dedication to amplifying historically underappreciated voices while celebrating the work of those who have become household names," Mr. Hollein said. "The spectacular garments on view will inspire a renewed appreciation for the multidisciplinary talents at the heart of this vibrant art form and for the countless women whose contributions were, and continue to be, the lifeblood of the global fashion industry we see today."

Appreciating history

The Met will soon be home to approximately 80 different ensembles from the last 120 years.

Comprised of the work of more than 70 creatives, "Women Dressing Women" is taking over two of the museum's galleries.

The designers span nationalities and backgrounds, with standouts including Sarah Burton, Gabrielle Chanel, Ann Demeulemeester, Elizabeth Hawes, Jeanne Lanvin, Norma Kamali, Ester Manas, Miuccia Prada and Elsa Schiaparelli.



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Looks are separated into the four notions of artistry: anonymity, visibility, agency and absence. In doing this, the exhibition aims to rewrite the canon of fashion history through the lens of female creatives, making links to social change throughout the duration covered. This is not the first time The Met has housed work from luxury maisons.

In 2020, French fashion house Louis Vuitton sponsored a gala at the venue which featured an exhibition of apparel dating back to 1870, in honor of the museum's 150th anniversary ([see story](#)).

"Women Dressing Women," will open Dec. 7, 2023, running through March 3, 2024.

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