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BFC to celebrate Valentino Garavani at The Fashion Awards

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Programming will recognize Mr. Valentino's contributions, honoring more than 50 years of design. Image credit: Valentino

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The British Fashion Council (BFC) will honor the work of Valentino Garavani, cofounder and former creative director of Italian fashion label Valentino during its upcoming fundraiser.

Taking place Dec. 4 at the Royal Albert Hall in London, The Fashion Awards 2023 will honor the titan, presenting him with the Outstanding Achievement Award. Hosted by the BFC, programming will recognize the contributions he has made to the industry through more than 50 years of experience as a designer.

"We are thrilled to present Mr. Valentino with the Outstanding Achievement Award for his game-changing approach and pursuit to push boundaries throughout his long-spanning career," said Caroline Rush, CEO of the [British Fashion Council](#), in a statement.

"Mr. Valentino is a true visionary whose boundless creativity, innovative designs, and dedication to craftsmanship, have revolutionized the fashion industry," Ms. Rush said. "Mr. Valentino's contributions and achievements are unparalleled, and he has not only set new standards of excellence but also inspired generations of designers.

"We look forward to celebrating him in London this December."

Honoring greatness

Mr. Valentino's history in the fashion industry dates back to 1960 when he cofounded Valentino alongside Italian businessman Giancarlo Giammetti.

In 1962, Mr. Valentino debuted an inaugural collection, introducing the symbolic Valentino Red shade and the house's "V" emblem. Both iconic design signatures are still in use to this day.

His work is said to have captivated industry elites as well as those within Hollywood, who often sported his clothing on red carpets before his retirement in 2008.

Congratulations to Mr. Valentino Garavani who will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award at the BFC's Fashion Awards in December.

Recognized for his exquisite Couture creations and red carpet gowns, Mr. Garavani has left an indelible mark on fashion. pic.twitter.com/jc2lySjar0

Valentino (@MaisonValentino) [September 27, 2023](#)

Giorgio Armani, Miuccia Prada, Ralph Lauren, Karl Lagerfeld and Dame Anna Wintour are among a long list of previous Outstanding Achievement Award recipients.

"It is a tremendous honor to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award," said Mr. Valentino, in a statement.

"Throughout the years, I have been fortunate to witness the transformative power of fashion and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities I have had," he said. "To be honored in London, one of my most beloved cities, makes this momentous occasion even more special.

"I am truly humbled, and I hope to continue to inspire future generations of designers to challenge conventional norms and wholeheartedly embrace innovation, beauty, and glamour."

Tickets for the ceremony are [available now](#).

Earlier this month, London's Royal College of Art bestowed honorary doctorates to leaders within the fashion industry, including outgoing editor-in-chief of British Vogue Edward Enninful and Ian Griffiths, creative director of Max Mara ([see story](#)).

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