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Christian Louboutin drops colorful capsule collection with Japanese artist

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The shoes represent a fusion of Japanese, American and French culture. Image credit: Christian Louboutin

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French footwear label Christian Louboutin is tapping into fusion culture.

Working with Japanese artist Shun Sudo, the house has dropped a colorful capsule collection called "Button Flower Blossoms" as part of its spring/summer 2024 offerings. Inspired by traditional paintings from the collaborator's home country and American pop culture, the array spans shoes and accessories for women and men.

"I love Shun Sudo's work," said **Christian Louboutin**, in a statement.

"While working on the collection we discovered many common points in the way we work on colors, with strong and audacious combinations."

Floral frenzy

The limited capsule features an exclusive, floral artwork done by Mr. Sudo called, as the name of the line suggests, "Button Flower."

Growing up in Tokyo, he is still based in the city. The locale grants his work a vibrant undertone and "joyous optimism."

Summer is on its way! Lean into the Button Flower Lug and Summer Shark sandals and shop the Maison's latest collaboration on <https://t.co/YZdALm7oOk>.

Video by Mathias Zivanovic [#ChristianLouboutin pic.twitter.com/E3RzFPqcfX](https://twitter.com/E3RzFPqcfX)

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Applied to the fresh kicks that he co-designed, Christian Louboutin's famous red sole adds to the effect the CL logo can also be found across the capsule to bring together two cultures through a fashion-forged connection.

Art and nature are two passions of Mr. Sudo, and these elements show up in the designs that utilize revisited silhouettes from the

maison archives ([see story](#)).

"Flowers have this amazing ability to heal," said Mr. Sudo, in a statement.

"And a button, in any culture, can connect two separate pieces of fabric," he said. "So, it's kind of a motif for connecting people.

"For me, the button flower is an iconic piece that symbolizes peace, with the hope that peace will come to the world."

The collection is captured in videos shot by cinematographer Mathias Zivanovic, who has worked with luxury peers such as Missoni and Dior, now published on the Christian Louboutin social media channels.

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Discover the exclusive [#ShunSudo](#) x [#ChristianLouboutin](#) capsule in selected boutiques and online on <https://t.co/YZdALm7oOk>. [pic.twitter.com/DIDn4OzCn8](https://t.co/YZdALm7oOk)

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Beyond the digital, 3D installations have also been set up around the world, including in Tokyo at 5-1-1 in the fashion neighborhood of Minamiaoyama; Dior has a boutique at the address.

Sneak-peek imagery is also live of a painted wall on Grand Street in New York that celebrates the limited-edition capsule. It will stay up through April 7, 2024.

Button Flower Blossoms items range in price, from the \$490 leather bag charms to the \$3,495 Button Flower Strass Loubi Queen Alta platform sandals.

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