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BFC to honor Tom Ford's impact on fashion, culture

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Designer Tom Ford served as CFDA chairman in 2019. Image credit: CFDA

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American fashion icon Tom Ford is being honored for his creative work by the **British Fashion Council** (BFC).

The designer, businessman and filmmaker will receive the organization's 2024's Outstanding Achievement Award. He will be presented with the career-spanning award at The Fashion Awards on Dec. 2, 2024 at Royal Albert Hall in London.

"It is an honor to be acknowledged for my contributions to fashion, film and culture by the British Fashion Council," Mr. Ford said, in a statement.

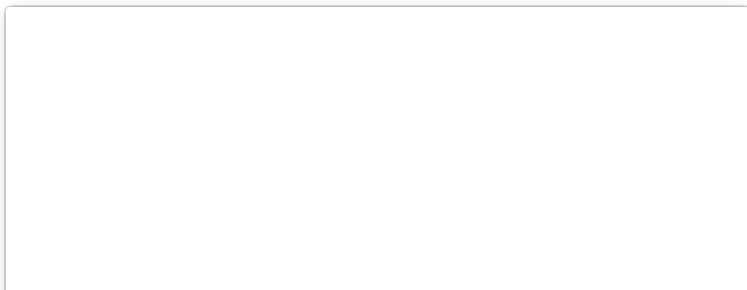
"This award is incredibly special to me, as I have spent a great deal of my life in London," he said. "During my 35 years in the fashion world, I have focused on creativity and the love of beauty and style.

"Fashion and Film are both collaborative efforts. One has to have a vision and then to communicate that vision to a team of talented people, and I would like to acknowledge all of those people who have supported me along the way. I am so very grateful to the British Fashion Council for this prestigious award."

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Born in Austin, Texas, and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mr. Ford studied at New York University and Parsons School of Design in both New York and Paris.

He joined Gucci in 1990 as its chief womenswear designer and was named creative director in 1994, where he became known for his daring designs and impeccable tailoring. In 1999, he created the Gucci Group with CEO and chairman Domenico De Sole now the luxury conglomerate Kering.



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After acquiring Yves Saint Laurent in 2000, Mr. Ford also assumed the role of creative director there.

Mr. Ford's tenure as creative director for Gucci and Gucci Group saw it become one of the most profitable brands in the world, with sales skyrocketing from \$230 million to \$3 billion.

He eventually resigned in 2004 and announced an eponymous brand in 2005. **TOM FORD** and **TOM FORD BEAUTY** went on to also become hugely successful.

In addition, Mr. Ford has an illustrious film career, including producing and directing 2009's "A Single Man" and "Nocturnal Animals" in 2016 both nominated for Academy Awards and the latter a Grand Jury prize and Golden Globe winner.

For his contributions to the fashion world, Mr. Ford has received numerous awards and recognitions, including five from the Council of Fashion Designers of American (CFDA), where he served as chairman in 2019.

The BFC Outstanding Achievement Award he will receive this year has previously honored the likes of Giorgio Armani, Miuccia Prada, Dame Anna Wintour, Karl Lagerfeld and, last year, Valentino Garavani ([see story](#)).

"We are thrilled to honor Tom Ford with the Outstanding Achievement Award for his exceptional contribution to fashion, film and culture," said Caroline Rush, CEO of the BFC, in a statement.

"For over three decades, his visionary work has consistently pushed the boundaries in every field he has played his hand in from transforming Gucci into a fashion powerhouse and launching his incredibly successful eponymous brand while establishing the design studio in London, to becoming an award-winning filmmaker," she said. "He is a true innovator and fashion icon in his own right and we can't wait to celebrate with him!"