Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty

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Curator Biography – Claire Wilcox

Claire Wilcox, Curator of Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty at the V&A, is the Museum’s Senior Curator of Fashion, where she is responsible for the 20th-century and contemporary dress collections. She is also Professor of Fashion Curation at London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London.

During her time at the V&A, Claire has curated many headline exhibitions including Radical Fashion (2001), Vivienne Westwood (2004) and The Golden Age of Couture (2007). She was also the lead curator of the redisplay of the V&A’s permanent fashion collection (2012) and originating curator (V&A) for the Europeana Digital Fashion Project.

In 1999, Claire devised the popular live Fashion in Motion series in which contemporary designers present their collections to the public in a catwalk show in the setting of the V&A’s galleries. Over 50 designers have showcased their work at Fashion in Motion events including Phillip Treacy, Alexander McQueen, Christian Lacroix and Jenny Packham.


Working with Claire on Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty is Senior Research Assistant Kate Bethune, Research Assistant Louise Rytter and Fashion Curator Sonnet Stanfill.
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