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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.

Claire has published widely and her titles include: *Modern Fashion in Detail* (V&A, 1998); *A Century of Bags* (Apple Press, 1998); *The Ambassador Magazine: Promoting Post-War British Textiles and Fashion* (V&A, 2012); and *V&A Gallery of Fashion* (V&A, 2013). She has also published catalogues to accompany the exhibitions *Radical Fashion* (V&A, 2001), *Vivienne Westwood* (V&A, 2004) and *Golden Age of Couture* (V&A, 2007). Claire is editor of *Alexander McQueen* (V&A, 2015). She is a member of the AHRC Peer Review College and sits on the editorial board of the journal *Fashion Theory*.

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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