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On the occasion of Italian Design Day 2025, the Italian Trade Agency (ITA) in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute in Brussels produces the exhibition project "60 anni di made in Italy"- devised and curated by journalists Fiorella Galgano and Alessia Tota - pays tribute to the genius and sartorial know-how of leading figures in haute couture and peninsular design who, as well as contributing to the birth of Made in Italy, have succeeded over time in imposing their own style and aesthetic taste throughout the world, determining what is today the unmistakable "Italian style".

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Thirty-four tailors and brands on show:

Giorgio Armani, Renato Balestra, Laura Biagiotti, Sartoria Bonfanti, Brioni, Roberto Capucci, Roberto Cavalli, Franco Ciambella, Enrico Coveri, Roberta di Camerino, Dolce & Gabbana, Etro, Salvatore Ferragamo, Gianfranco Ferré, Marella Ferrera, Alberta Ferretti, Sorelle Fontana, Prince Egon Fürstenberg, Galitzine, Gucci, Krizia, Lancetti, Andrè Laug, Antonio Marras, Gai Mattiolo, Max Mara, Missoni, Moschino, Prada, Emilio Pucci, Sarli, Emilio Federico Schuberth, Valentino, Versace.

The exhibition format, inaugurated for the first time in Rome in 2012 under the patronage of the National Chamber for Italian Fashion, has started a travelling path that - under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - has led it to be hosted in the most prestigious exhibition venues in the world: from Washington to Mexico City, from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, from Moscow to Canton... to now land in the headquarters of the European institutions.





HAUTE COUTURE

EMILIO SCHUBERTH



Evening dress in gold lamé with gold brocade overcoat in mossgreen and golden lamé patterns (1958)



Heavy satin evening dress designed for famous actress Gina Lollobrigida(1950); portrayed inside "The Italian Fashion" book

SORELLE FONTANA



"Priest dress" designed for Ava Gardner in "The Barefoot Contessa" movie (1954), with hat and cross, and again proposed in a new style by Federico Fellini in "La Dolce Vita" (1963)



Quilted pink sheath dress, with a pink light organza skirt on top with flounces and flowers handmade (1985)

ROBERTO CAPUCCI



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VALENTINO



Evening dress in red-silk crêpe, bordered in pleated satin (Haute Couture-S/S 1998) worn by top-model Claudia Schiffer. Realized for actress Elizabeth Hurley and shown at the F.I.T. Museum during the "Red Exhibit" exhibition (2002 – USA)

ANDRE' LAUG



Tulle and Gazar Evening gown with black/dark green stripes (1998)

SARLI



Long embroidered evening dress modelled by Valeria Mazza (1996)

GALITZINE



"Palazzo Pyjamas" created for the famous Italian actress Claudia Cardinale while shooting "The Pink Panther" movie (1963)

SARTORIA BONFANTI



Precious gray taffeta gown with the bodice entirely embroidered with small beaded and sequined gray and pink flowers by Sartoria Bonfanti. Property Isabella Rossini Foundation (1975).

LANCETTI



Evening dress in black velvet, with long skirt in heavy satin inspired by Pablo Picasso's works (F/W 1986/87)

RENATO BALESTRA



"Carmen" dress. Black velvet dress with red taffeta ruches. A tribute to Maria Callas (1996)

PRINCE EGON VON FURSTENBERG



Black Vamp dress embroidered with crystal beads and sequins modelled by American actress, Hunter Tylo, at "Woman under the stars" (F/W 2000/1)

GAI MATTIOLO



"Harlequin" dress with handpainted bodice with embroidered lozenges in beads and sequins (F/W 1997/98)

MARELLA FERRERA



Dress with short jacket, made of embroidered tiles inspired by the decorative Steps of S. Maria del Monte, Caltagirone Unesco World's Heritage (1993)

ANTONIO MARRAS



"Black Madonna" Dress – inspired by the patroness of Sardinian miners – long black silk veil and bodice made of horseshoe- nails (1998)

FRANCO CIAMBELLA

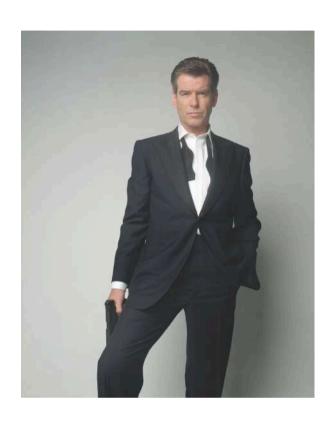


Wide overlapped and untrimmed light organza, hand-faded in the shades of reddish purple and deep black.
The bustier is made of hand-embroidered chantilly lace with multicolour Swarovski crystals.
From 'The Metamorphosis collection (2010).



MEN'S HAUTE COUTURE

BRIONI



Tuxedo modelled by Pierce Brosnan 007 James Bond in the film "Die Another Day" (2002)



PRET-A'-PORTER

GIORGIO ARMANI



Blue/gold "Regimental" dinner jacket, modelled by top-model Claudia Schiffer (1991)

LAURA BIAGIOTTI



Red Cashmere and taffetas "Doll" dress (F/W 2002/3)

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Black Cashmere and taffetas "Doll" dress (F/W 2002/3)

ROBERTA DI CAMERINO



"Tuxedo" dress in greyblack handprinted polyester jersey (1975/76)

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"Tuxedo" Trompe - l'oeil panel dress in red handpainted polyester jersey (2006/7)

ROBERTO CAVALLI



Printed silk "Tiger" dress from the collection modelled by Cindy Crawford at "Women under the Stars" fashion show (2000)

ENRICO COVERI



Orange silk knitted dress "Woman's shout", embroidered with sequins, modelled by top-model Milla Jovovich. (S/S1997)

DOLCE & GABBANA



Animal spot silk printed dress, worn by actress Helizabeth Hurley (2000)

ETRO



Jacquard paisley military outfit (F/W2001)

SALVATORE FERRAGAMO



Oriental fantasy silk georgette blouse and black trousers in silk jersey (S/S 1998)

GIANFRANCO FERRE'



Black evening gown with multilayered plissé taffetta flounces and silk top with silk and lace sleeves (F/W 2005/06)

ALBERTA FERRETTI



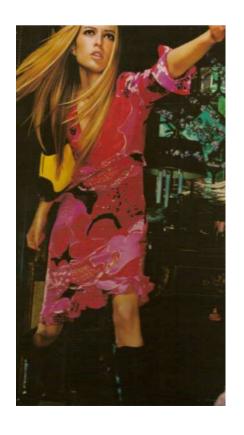
Red chiffon caftan crystal embroidered with beads (S/S 2001)

GENNY



Precious silk georgette "Vamp" dress embroidered with gold/brown sequins which draw animal patterns. Dress modelled by Naomi Campbell (F/W 1992/93)

GUCCI



Fuxia Acid printed silk ruffle dress (S/S 1999)

KRIZIA



Gold plissé dress (F/W 1987/88)

MAX MARA



Golden Duffle embroidered with gold sequins (F/W 2007/8)

MISSONI



"Put together" dress in multicolor linen (1999)

MOSCHINO



Dress with black lace brassiere appliqué (F/W 1988/89)

PRADA



Sequin-embroidered dress modelled by actress Cate Blanchett on the occasion of the BAFTA Awards (London April 9th 2000)

EMILIO PUCCI



Hand-printed polyester "Vivace" jersey dress. Collection (S/S 1967)

VERSACE



Printed jersey "Jungla" patterned dress designed for Jennifer Lopez at the World Music Awards (2000)

VERSACE



Multicolored silk dress worn by stars like Beyonce and Zendaya (S/S 2003





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The Italian Cultural Institute in Brussels is a body of the Italian Ministry of Foreign of Italian Foreign Affairs and has the permanent objective of to promote and disseminate the Italian language and culture in Belgium, through the realisation of initiatives aimed at fostering the circulation of ideas, arts and sciences.

To this end the Institute:

- organises cultural events such as concerts, exhibitions, movie screening, theatre shows and many others;
- organises Italian courses:
- facilitates initiatives that promote the Italian language in Belgium, including collaboration with Italian Lecturers at Belgian and Italian Universities;
- establishes contacts with institutions, bodies and personalities in the Belgian arts and scientific communities to promote projects that further the knowledge of Italian life and culture;
- supports initiatives for the cultural development of the Italian community in Belgium to facilitate both its integration in Belgium and its cultural links with Italy;
- provides documentation and information about Italian cultural life and the institutions working in this field.

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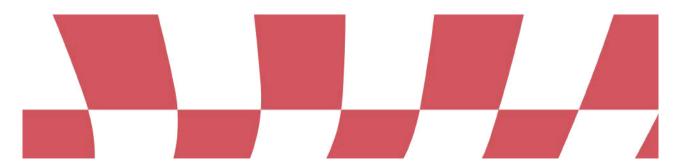
Galgano & Tota Associati was founded by journalists Fiorella Galgano and Alessia Tota and is based in Rome. Since the 1990s, it has been working for the promotion and diffusion abroad of "made in Italy" fashion and craftsmanship, as a fundamental element of Italian cultural heritage, through the organization of exhibitions and events of great media impact.

Particularly in fashion, the "60 Years of Made in Italy" exhibition draws on an archive of about 300 pieces including iconic garments and accessories, along with sketches and drawings signed by some of Italy's best-known tailors and designers. This archive itself represents a cultural heritage that Galgano & Tota Associati plans to place in a permanent exhibition, to which not only those in the industry who need to carry out research activities can have continuous access, but also all those curious to understand the style and aesthetic sense that has made Italian fashion so well known and loved throughout the world.

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