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forefront of fashion in the 1920s and 1930s. fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli who was at the the artistic imagination and modernity of the Salvador Dali...) to enable visitors to discover the greatest names of the Surrealist era (Man Ray, perfume bottles, posters, and photographs by in relation to paintings, sculptures, jewelry, Costumes and fashion accessories are viewed

> Schiaparelli" • Adults, 15 years and over "Shocking! The Surrealist world of Elsa

in the spirit of Jean Cocteau's "Beauty and the Beast". imagination, poetry, and modernity of her creations for all the family, and discover the full extent of the and "butterfly buttons". Sign up for this visit, suitable full of surprises, with her "Shoe hat", "drawer pockets" Fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli inhabited a universe

• With the family, 7 years and over

"Elsa Schiaparelli : la Belle et la Mode"

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spirit of tashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli. decoration—pays tribute to the free and imaginative creation of this sartorial accessory—drawing, cut, of a trompe-l'æil "collar". Every stage in the techniques used in this course in the creation transparency, appliqué and embroidery are all The reappropriation of materials, playing with

"Ceci n'est pas un col" • 11-14 years

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up to designing a glove in a Surrealist vein. to color, and materials to techniques in the run exberiments touch upon everything from pattern their own graphic research notebook. These identify her sources of inspiration in creating this workshop-visit encourages participants to design as an art. To understand her creative process, she often referred to herself, viewed fashion Elsa Schiaparelli", an "inspired" seamstress as

"La main créatrice" • 11-14 years

the creation of a spectacular "masked-nat". eyes, mouths, and hands are transformed in ph barts of the human body. In the workshop, and draw the decor and accessories inspired the exhibition, children are encouraged to find designer Elsa Schiaparelli. Starting with a visit to in this workshop dedicated to the fashion Imagination and surprise effects are to be found

"Clin d'œil" • 4-6 and 7-10 years

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Elsa Schiaparelli, a prominent figure in the history of fashion design, considered Fashion as an art. She embodied a dazzling, vibrant vision of Paris, curious about everything and enjoying everything new that came its way. The exhibition conveys this incredible freedom to its visitors: freedom to create, freedom to discuss, freedom to be oneself, through models, jewelry, and drawings. Elsa Schiaparelli donated clothes, fashion accessories and thousands of drawings to the Union Française des Arts du Costume (UFAC) which are now kept by the Musée des Arts Décoratifs.

1. Drawings of the collections

Toward the end of her life, Elsa Schiaparelli gifted the UFAC with 66 garments, 22 fashion accessories, and 6,387 drawings of her collections. Created by draftswomen, they reproduced the silhouettes of models wearing her creations and were used for promoting them to her clients. These drawings constitute a specific record of Elsa Schiaparelli's vision of couture.

2. Awakening to modernity

When Elsa Schiaparelli arrived in Paris in 1922, she met the renowned couturier Paul Poiret who encouraged her to embark upon a career in fashion. The International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts in 1925 revealed a new way of living. Jean Dunand, a leading

figure in the Art Deco movement and a personal friend of Schiaparelli's, made a portrait of her in lacquer.

3. A constellation of artists

As Elsa Schiaparelli wrote in her memoirs, "Working with artists like Bebe [sic] Bérard, Jean Cocteau, Salvador Dali, Vertès, Van Dongen; and with photographers like Hoyningen-Hueni [sic], Horst, Cecil Beaton, and Man Ray gave one a sense of exhilaration. One felt supported and understood beyond the crude and boring reality of merely making a dress to sell." She forged close relationships with artists who, in turn, contributed to the creative process of her couture collections.

4. Collaborating with Salvador Dali

The "paranoic-critical method" that Dali developed was inspired by his reading of Freud's work. The Catalan painter allowed images that arose from his subconscious to spili out onto his canvases, producing fantastical visions celebrating the logic of free association and the sway of ambiguity. Elsa Schiaparelli and Salvador Dali worked together on the design of fashion items and accessories such as the "lobster dress" and the "shoe hat".

5. Place Vendôme

In January 1935, Elsa Schiaparelli moved her fashion house to an early 18th century mansion at 21 Place Vendôme, Paris. The ground floor

housed her boutique, "Schiap", while the first floor had three salons for clients to view her models. These salons were decorated by Jean-Michel Frank who, together with Alberto Giacometti, also designed some of their furniture and furnishings. In 1934, Elsa Schiaparelli launched her own perfumes, calling upon the artist Leonor Fini to design the bottle for her perfume Shocking in 1937.

6. The art of embroidery

Elsa Schiaparelli also called upon Albert Lesage, founder of the Lesage embroidery studio, renowned for his outstanding savoir-faire who, from 1936, collaborated with her on the decoration of her couture collections, creating embroidery that illustrated the themes of these collections.

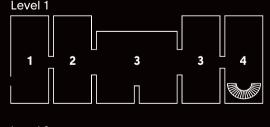
7. Thematic couture collections

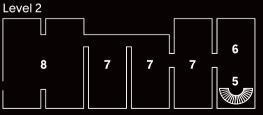
From 1935, Elsa Schiaparelli gave each of her couture collections a strong and original eme, sucn as "Pagan", "Βυπerπy "Circus", "Commedia dell'arte", and "Zodiac".

8. Schiaparelli today

In 2019, American fashion designer Daniel Roseberry was appointed artistic director of the Maison Schiaparelli. His bold creations combine the historic codes of Surrealism, a movement dear to Elsa Schiaparelli, with the rigorous and experimental technical expertise of couture, successfully defining Schiaparelli's identity today.

PLAN OF THE EXHIBITION















- A. Marcel Vertès, Schiaparelli, 21 Place Vendôme 1953, collage and painting on panel © Schiaparelli Archives
- **B.** Elsa Schiaparelli, Evening Dress, Summer 1939. Silk. Musée des Arts Décoratifs © Les Arts Décoratifs / photo: Christophe Dellière
- $\textbf{C.} \ L\'{e}onor \ Fini \ and \ Fernand \ Gu\'{e}ry-Colas, \ the \ \textit{Shocking} \ perfume \ bottle, \ 1937. \ Crystal \ and \ glass$ © Schiaparelli Archives © Adagp, Paris, 2022
- D. Jean Clément, Necklace, 1938. Metal gilt mounted on fabric. Musée des Arts Décoratifs © Photo: Les Arts Décoratifs / photo: Jean Tholance © Adagp, Paris, 2022
- **E.** Daniel Roseberry Bella Hadid in Schiaparelli at the 2021 Cannes Festival, 2021. Photograph, © Getty / Andreas Rentz

