

HATS OFF

HATS FROM THE LARS NILSSON COLLECTION



Designer Lars Nilsson is a devoted collector. With an eye for items informed by and informing fashion, he has built up a remarkable collection of accessories, clothing, textiles, documents and paraphernalia since he left his native Sweden for Paris in 1985 to study.

The first half of his career was spent in the world of haute couture, at houses including Christian Lacroix, Dior and Chanel, and many of the hats featured in this unique exhibition at the Hallwyl Museum in Stockholm date from this period, and from the hands of artisans and designers for whom they were a labor of love, a pure expression of whimsical beauty. Glamorous, extravagant, sculptural, fanciful, rare, or remarkably subtle and low-key, some – including the feathered hat by Philip Treacy for Chanel Couture in 1992, immortalized in a photograph by Irving Penn for Vogue – have played a role in key moments of late 20th century fashion.

The exhibition also includes photographs by Carl Bengtsson and a small number of other fashion accessories from his expansive collection.

The Hallwyl museum is a continental style residence in the very centre of Stockholm built 1893–1898 by the von Hallwyl family. Wilhelmina von Hallwyl was one of Sweden's great collectors. With its 2,200 square metres and about 40 rooms with exclusive décor in different historical styles, the house contains one of Sweden's largest collections of art, porcelain and antique furniture.

7 FEBRUARY – 8 JUNE 2014
HALLWYL MUSEUM, HAMNGATAN 4, STOCKHOLM
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The collection has been exquisitely photographed by Carl Bengtsson <http://www.skarp.se/carl-bengtsson> for a forthcoming book, scheduled for a summer release. Preceding both this and the museum show itself, Berns will play host to an exhibition of ten photographs by Carl Bengtsson portraying selected hats from Lars Nilsson's collection. The exhibition will be on display during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Stockholm.

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