

Fashion & Textiles: Innovation in Sustainability

LCB Depot's exhibition & events programme highlights work from a different creative industry every month. In April 2020 the focus is on fashion and textiles.

Artists and designers from across the country including those based in Leicester and at De Montfort University will explore sustainable practices from bespoke tailoring of long lasting garments to innovative new materials.

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Aki

Giulia Mio Millinery

Leather, silk, ostrich quills, millinery wire, glass beads

I am a couture milliner devoted to create unique and bespoke pieces with the finest materials. Every hat, headpiece or flower I make is carefully designed and it is never (or very rarely) repeated. I source all my materials from the UK, looking for the best quality for my clients. My collections and designs are not possible to replicate or to be manufactured, everything has to be made by hand.

The piece I am presenting is called "Aki" and it is inspired by Japanese autumnal gardens. It is made entirely by hand, sourcing all material in the UK. All leather leaves are hand painted and moulded with professional flower-making tools, as well as all the silk flowers. The berry-like glass beads have been made by a local glass artist. Every element is unique and impossible to replicate. This one-of-a-kind piece is as far as it can be from fast fashion and mass production, from the design to the making process.

Artist Bio

Giulia Mio is an Italian, award-winning couture milliner devoted to making hats and headpieces from the finest materials, with an immaculate finish.

Her style is the result of a diverse mix of Art, Theatre and observation of Nature.

Her costume design background gives her a unique insight into costume and fashion. She studied set and costume design in Venice and Milan, and she learned millinery for couture and theatre between Rome, Milan and Zurich.

She trained as a traditional milliner, but she is interested also in new techniques and innovative materials.

The bespoke hats and headpieces are sculptural and delicate, designed to flatter the face and proportioned to the person and whole outfit.

All of the pieces are entirely handmade by the designer and are made to order.

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