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FUTURE FASHION & BEHIND THE SCENES

Two different views, two stunning exhibitions exploring fashion, craft and the theatrical both on stage and on the catwalk as part of the 40th Kilkenny Arts Festival.

9-18 August 2013

This August take a closer look beneath and behind the scenes at the creativity and craftsmanship of fashion and textiles, theatre design and high couture in two exciting exhibitions as part of the 40th Kilkenny Arts Festival.



Photos: In the Abbey workshop. Pics Ros Kavanagh

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At the National Craft Gallery Kilkenny: As Shakespeare's Globe Theatre returns to Kilkenny with an all female version of *The Taming of The Shrew* Kilkenny Arts Festival, The Craft Council of Ireland's National Craft Gallery and the Abbey Theatre will give audiences a unique glimpse at the undergarments hidden beneath some of the stunning costumes in the Abbey collection.

Showcasing costumes from four Abbey productions the outer garments will be stripped away to reveal and celebrate the structure and undergarments hidden beneath. See the complex functional forms which create volume under clothing, the sculptural qualities and superb craft skills employed in making panniers, hoops, crinolines and bustles. Learn how the team work from concept of a play; historical referencing, archiving, initial drawings, sourcing of fabrics, design, pattern cutting, sampling, construction and tailoring to reach these finished costumes. All the pieces are being created in the Abbey workshop under the guidance of head of costume Niamh Lunny. The exhibition will include costumes by Joan Bergin, Cathy Strachan, Ray Smyth, Eimer ni Mhaoldomhnaig from the following Abbey Theatre productions: *The Recruiting Officer* (2007), set in 1700s, *An Ideal Husband* (2008), set in 1800s, *The Dead* (2012), set in 1900s and *Drum*

Belly (2013) set in 1969.

FUTURE FASHION

Also at the National Craft Gallery the focus will be on high couture featuring work by fashion, shoe and textile designers who embrace and re interpret craft skills and techniques in contemporary design using a mix of traditional and very innovative intelligent design thinking and new technology to achieve complex and alternative approaches to fashion. Exhibitors include:

Una Burke; www.unaburke.com

Andreia Chaves; www.andreiachaves.com

Marloes ten Bhomer; www.marloestenbhomer.squarespace.com

Stephanie Bila; www.stephaniechloebila.co.uk

Julia Lundsten FINSK; www.finsk.com

Ana Rajcevic; www.anarajcevic.com

See how the theatrical is transferred to the catwalk and closet in these sculptures for the body featuring work of master craftswomen. From folded shoes, to goldplated designs see the merging of fashion, design and sculpture in these pieces that could be described as architecture for the body or body sculpture. They experiment with materials and cutting edge technology with extraordinary attention to detail and craftsmanship.



Ana Rajcevic, sculptural fashion designer. Pic: Fernando Lessa. Model: Anna Tatton

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

A series of family workshops will also be held in castle yard where all ages can try their hand at creating their own designs.

Workshops

Fri 9th – Sun 12th Aug, 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Willow Woven Skirts Installation - with Jean Conroy, in the Castle Yard

Playful Pin Sculptures with Carrie Lynam Drop in workshop in National Craft Gallery Suitable for all the family 5+ Saturday 10th 10am-5pm, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th 2-5pm.

Tues 13th – Wed 14th, Thursday 15th, 2pm, 3pm 4pm

Pattern Print T's - with Maeve Hunter, marquee in the Castle Yard

Clay Collars - with Shona Flood, marquee in the Castle Yard

Badges n Brooches - with Sheila Jordan, marquee in the Castle Yard

National Craft Gallery opening times

Monday-Saturday 10am-5.30pm

Sunday 11am-5.30pm

Sunday 18th

Exhibition opens Saturday 10th August 3pm

Curator and artist talk Saturday 10th August 2pm with Angela O'Kelly, Niamh Lunny, Una Burke, Ana Rajcevic and Andreia Chaves

The full programme for the 40th Kilkenny Arts Festival will be announced in June. <http://www.kilkennyarts.ie/>

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