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ALEXANDER MCQUEEN'S RUNWAY MASTERPIECES BOUND FOR NGV

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting the Melbourne CBD economy and boosting tourism across the state with a new blockbuster exhibition at the NGV to attract thousands of visitors next summer.

Boundary-pushing fashion designer Alexander McQueen was one of the most celebrated designers of his generation – and in December his garments and accessories will dazzle Victorians and visitors at the NGV.

Presented in partnership with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), *Alexander McQueen: Mind, Mythos, Muse* boasts over 100 pieces from McQueen's critically acclaimed catalogue alongside 70 historical artworks that influenced him.

Praised for his outstanding technical skills and capacity to tell stories through his garments, McQueen tackled subjects ranging from technology to geography and his personal experience. Tragically, he died in 2010 at just 40.

Alexander McQueen gives fashion and art lovers the rare opportunity to see examples from the designer's renowned collections, including *The Widows of Culloden* (autumn-winter 2006–2007), *Deliverance* (spring-summer 2004) and his last complete body of work, *Plato's Atlantis* (spring-summer 2010).

Following a long line of drawcard fashion exhibitions at the NGV – including presentations of the work of Chanel, Dior, Gaultier and Viktor&Rolf – this new exhibition is set to wow local audiences and attract fashion lovers from across the country.

The exhibition is supported through the Labor Government's *Victorian Budget 2022/23*, which invests in the NGV's blockbuster summer program for another three years.

Alexander McQueen will be launched on Saturday, 10 December at the NGV Gala, a celebration of art, fashion, fine food and wine. The exhibition will run until 16 April 2023.

For exhibition details and to purchase tickets visit ngv.vic.gov.au. Patrons who spend \$40 or more may be eligible to claim a 25 per cent rebate through the Victorian Entertainment Program until funds are exhausted.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson

"Melburnians have a rich appreciation for fashion and this exhibition provides them with the opportunity to celebrate one of the industry's boldest innovators."

"We're proud to back this latest instalment of NGV's blockbuster summer program which will draw visitors from across the state and the country to indulge in everything McQueen."

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"The NGV is the perfect place to host Alexander McQueen and the exhibition will be a major tourism drawcard for Melbourne."

Quote attributable to NGV director Tony Ellwood

"This showstopping exhibition celebrates the timeless work of one of the true icons of late 20th century fashion."

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