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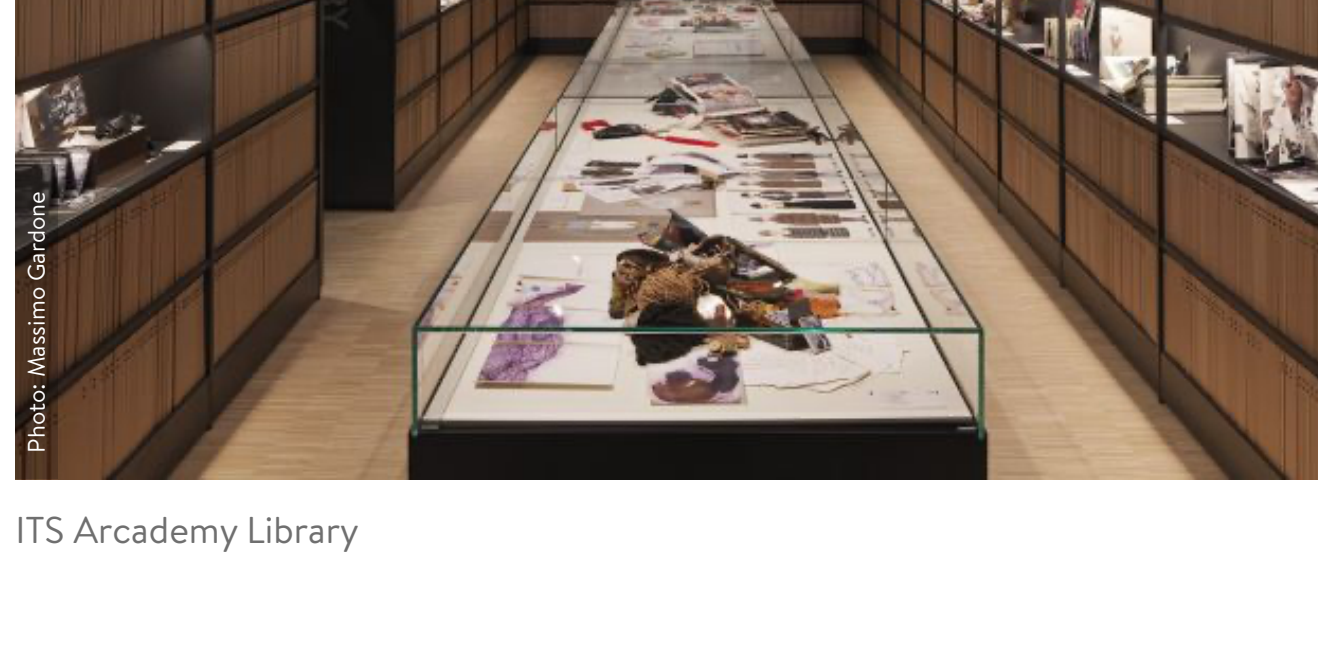
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## ITS Arcademy is Italy's new fashion museum by ITS Foundation

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ITS Arcademy-Museum of Art in Fashion was just inaugurated in Trieste as part of ITS Foundation, the initiative that organizes the international contest dedicated to upcoming fashion talents since 2002.



ITS Arcademy Library

The museum hosts a collection of over 15,000 objects, including fashion items, accessories, jewellery pieces, creative and photography projects and will host international exhibitions, events and educational activities.

Within the inauguration and its opening to the public, they presented the preview of “The First Exhibition: 20 years of contemporary fashion evolution”, an exhibition curated by Olivier Saillard, fashion historian and for many years director of the Palais Galliera, one of the most important fashion museums in the world.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 18 April 2023 and will remain open until 4 February 2024.



Barbara Franchin

“ITS Arcademy is the culmination of over twenty years of research and dialogue with new generations of creatives. Creatives discovered in schools all over the world, tracked and brought to Trieste to become part of a family that continues to grow,” explained Barbara Franchin, ITS Foundation’s president and artistic director.

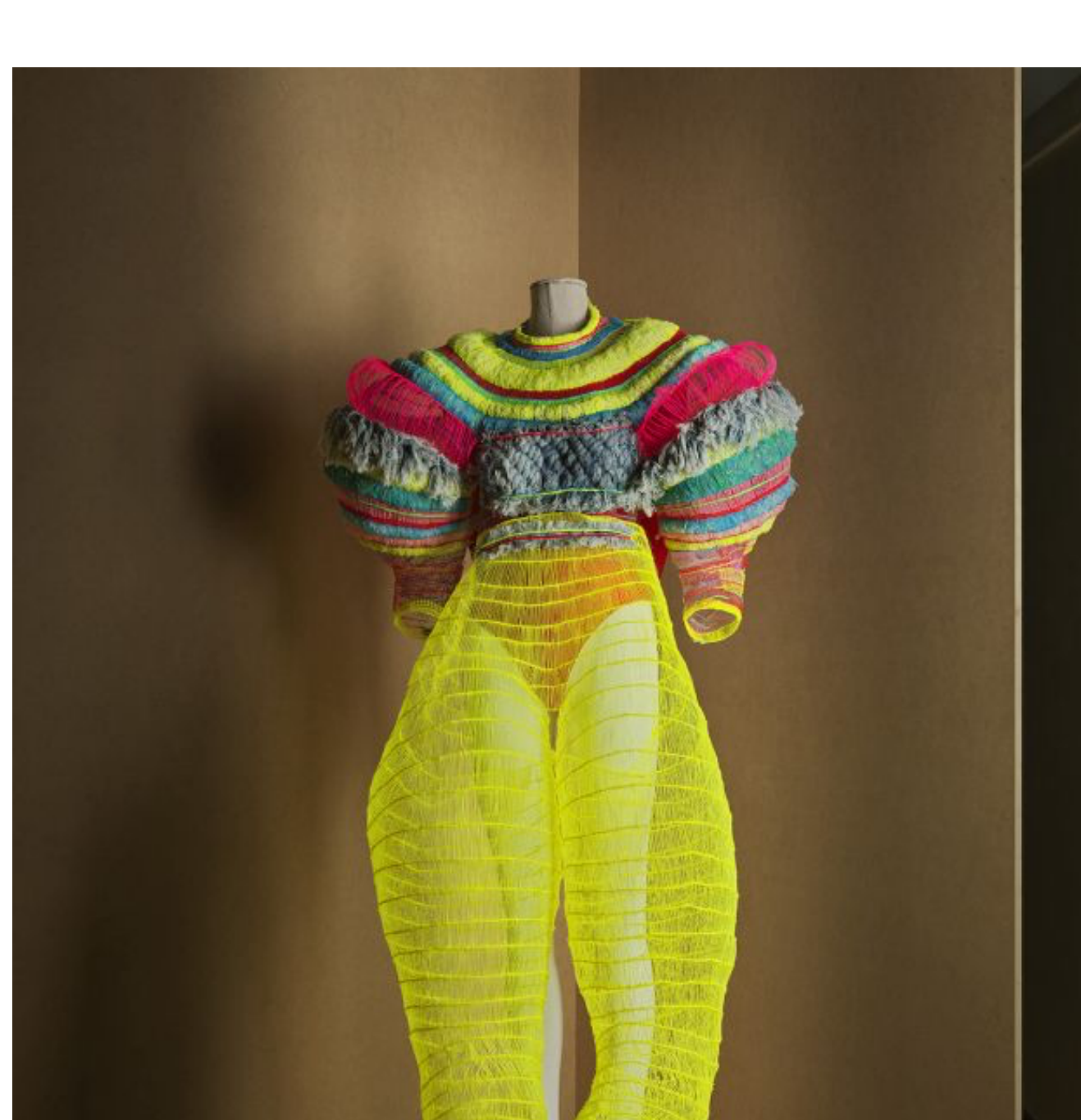
“The museum’s archive is an unfolding account of the ‘times’ and of how creativity has reacted to an ever-changing historical and cultural context. Systematising our heritage to make it available to the wider public is a deeply felt mission. It stems from the desire to enhance the material we have by using it as a stimulus to build new futures,” she added.



ITS Arcademy

The ITS Arcademy Collection is composed of extremely rare early works by some of the world’s most exciting talents. It offers a unique snapshot of their creative worlds at the very beginning of their careers.

It encompasses 14,758 portfolios, 1,089 fashion items, 163 accessories, 118 jewelry pieces and over 700 photography projects, gathered over the twenty editions of ITS Contest - one of the most important talent competitions in the world dedicated to contemporary fashion - and now finally shared with the public.



ITS Arcademy, Seiraan Tsuno

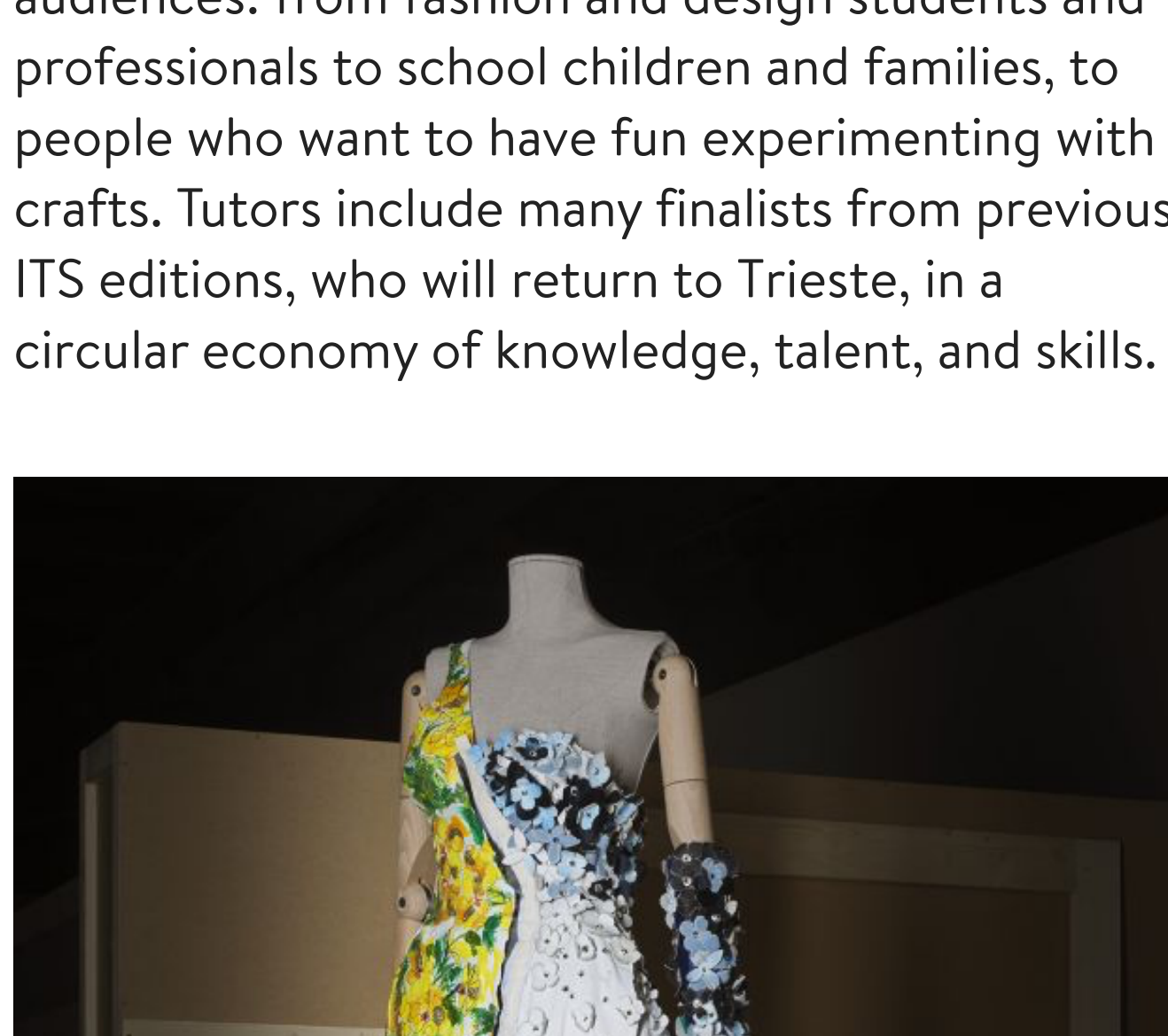
Each piece of the Collection is preserved with a mission to create a future archive that will inspire and stimulate visitors’ creativity.

Visitors will be able to admire examples of early creations by contemporary design personalities, such as Demna (creative director of Balenciaga), Matthieu Blazy (creative director of Bottega Veneta), Justin Smith (creator of Angelina Jolie’s headgear in Maleficent and Carrie Fisher’s in Star Wars - Episode VIII), Thomasine Barnekow (Swedish couturière of gloves worn by stars such as Beyoncé, Cate Blanchett, JLo, Billie Eilish and Lily Collins for “Emily In Paris”), Richard Quinn and Japan’s Maiko Takeda (whose headwear on display appears on the cover of Icelandic singer Bjork’s “Vulnicura” album).



ITS Arcademy, Laura Olivella

ITS Arcademy will also host training and education projects, offering courses, laboratories and workshops aimed at a wide range of audiences: from fashion and design students and professionals to school children and families, to people who want to have fun experimenting with crafts. Tutors include many finalists from previous ITS editions, who will return to Trieste, in a circular economy of knowledge, talent, and skills.



ITS Arcademy, Richard Quinn

ITS Contest will continue its journey of more than two decades after it began in 2002. The international award for young creatives will launch its 2023 edition on May 10th, 2023 with the Born to Create concept and will continue to be open to emerging designers and fashion, accessories and jewelry design students from all over the world.