



# Media release

**The Hon Heidi Victoria MP**  
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## **Blockbuster Gaultier fashion exhibition headed to NGV**

- **NGV's blockbuster 2014/15 summer program to continue with Jean Paul Gaultier exhibition**
- **Australian exclusive exhibition will follow the career of the fashion design icon**
- **Victorian Coalition Government strengthening Melbourne as the nation's arts and cultural capital**

The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) has set the trend for next summer with the announcement it will host the Australian exclusive exhibition *The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk*.

Making the announcement at the NGV today, Minister for the Arts Heidi Victoria said the exhibition, which has already wowed crowds in New York and Montreal, will give visitors an insight into the creativity and craft of the ground-breaking French fashion designer.

"Featuring over 140 superbly crafted garments spanning Gaultier's incredible career, the exhibition includes the first dress he created in 1971 through to recent works created for some of the world's most glamorous men and women," Ms Victoria said.

Featuring accessories, sketches, stage costumes, photography and excerpts from films, runway shows, concerts and dance performances, the exhibition will help illustrate the intriguing story of this unrivalled fashion designer as well as the influences, passions and obsessions that feature in his work.

Renowned for his unconventional and playfully irreverent designs, the NGV exhibition will include exclusive material not exhibited in previous venues, such as pieces from his recent haute couture and ready-to-wear collections and stage costumes worn by the likes of Madonna and Beyoncé.

In another exclusive feature for the NGV, a section on Gaultier's Australian muses is being specially developed and will include brilliantly executed pieces created for Kylie Minogue, Nicole Kidman and Cate Blanchett.

Ms Victoria said the exhibition will be the second NGV Summer exhibition, following on from the current summer blockbuster *Melbourne Now*, which has already attracted over 600,000 visitors.

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“Supported through the 2013-14 State Budget, the NGV’s summer program has proven a boon for the Gallery and for Victoria. This summer we became immersed in the artists, architects and designers who have shaped Melbourne, and next summer brings us a celebration of one of the world’s most influential creative minds,” Ms Victoria said.

“The exhibition promises to be another show-stopper and I look forward to welcoming it to Melbourne.”

*The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk* is curated by Thierry-Maxime Loriot and organised by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in collaboration with Maison Jean Paul Gaultier.

The exhibition will open on 17 October 2014 and run until 8 February 2015.

Find out more: [ngv.vic.gov.au](http://ngv.vic.gov.au)

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