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GSA students delve into the School treasure trove for the annual Fashion Show

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) is busily preparing for the annual undergraduate Fashion Show, taking place at GSA's Vic Bar, Renfrew Street on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March 2010 at 7pm and 9pm.

Organised by the third year textile students on the BA (Hons) Design Programme, the fashion show has been a regular feature on Glasgow's calendar since the 1940s. To celebrate the centenary of the Mackintosh building the students are drawing inspiration from the GSA archives. What's unique about the fashion show is that students not only design the garment but also the textile from which it is constructed. Third year students are hoping to raise enough money to show their final degree work at the "New Designers" graduate launch pad event in London 2011. The GSA textiles course and its fashion show has been the starting point of many successful designers such as Jonathan Saunders, Louise Gray, Scott Ramsay Kyle, Jamie Bruski- Tetsill and Bebaroque.

This year's Fashion Show marks an important time for GSA as, for the first time in its history, the School will offer the opportunity to study Fashion Design at undergraduate level. Building on the prestigious Textiles programme renowned for producing specialist graduates working in knit, print, weave and embroidery and the existing Fashion and Textiles Masters Programme, the introduction of the Fashion pathway at undergraduate level responds to an increasing demand for a greater emphasis on this discipline.

Tickets for the Fashion Show are priced at £7.50 (£5.50 concessions) and can be purchased from the Vic Bar, the GSA Shop within the Mackintosh Building, and direct from www.ticketscotland.com.

In addition, there will also be the opportunity to purchase goods designed and created by the students in the Fashion Show Boutique. This will be open on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March 2010.

Head of Fashion and Textiles Department, Jimmy Stephen-Cran said:

"Given this is the centenary year of The Glasgow School of Art the students have marked the historic occasion by plundering the fabulous Archives and Collections at GSA for inspiration.

The show promises to be as sassy and energetic as ever but more importantly this student led event provides first hand experience of the professional world. The organisation and production of the show is entirely their collective responsibility allowing them to develop the team working, multi-tasking and transferable skills they will use time and time again in future careers."

This event would not be possible without the generous help of sponsors R&R Construction, Buchanan Galleries, Mandors, and Graham + Sibbald. Thanks also to Sassoon Salon and Clydebank College for the hair and make up. To further promote the Fashion Show, an insight will be give into GSA's textile studios and workshops via a 'work in progress' exhibition to be held at Buchanan Galleries between 1st – 15th March 2010.

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