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Fashion masterpieces: Defining designers of the 20th and 21st centuries and their most remarkable works

From **Azzedine Alaïa**, **Cristóbal Balenciaga**, and **Coco Chanel** to **Alexander McQueen**, **Yves Saint Laurent**, and **Vivienne Westwood**, a century's worth of fashion greats from the permanent collection of the **Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology** in New York City are celebrated in this fresh edition of *Fashion Designers A-Z*.

Formerly available as a limited Collector's Edition only, this accessibly priced and updated new edition features photographs of **over 500 garments** selected from the Museum's permanent collection. From an exquisitely embroidered velvet evening gown to Mondrian-style minimalist chic, each chosen piece is chosen not only for its beauty but for its representative value, distilling the **unique philosophy and aesthetics of each of the featured designers**.

Texts by the museum's curators explain why each designer is important in fashion history and what is special about the chosen garments. In her introductory essay, director and chief curator **Valerie Steele** writes about **the rise of the fashion museum, and the emergence of the fashion exhibition as a popular and controversial phenomenon**. Together with a foreword by Suzy Menkes, Steele's writings also provide a history of the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology in the world of fashion scholarship and museology.

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