



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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## **Fashion and Art Co-Exist in New FIA Exhibition**

### ***Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art From Paper* Opens June 15**

Flint, MI – Featuring life-size, trompe l'oeil paper costumes, *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper* brings the incredible, intricate crafting of the Belgian artist (and Countess) to Flint for a summer-long exhibition, culminating in a closing visit from de Borchgrave herself in September.

Opening on Saturday, June 15 at the Flint Institute of Arts, *Fashioning Art from Paper* provides a retrospective view of the artist's paper sculptures over nearly two decades. From replicas of Italian Renaissance gowns to recreations of the fantastical modernist costumes of the Ballet Russes, her work spans 500 years of fashion. Each paper sculpture is inspired by depictions found in early European paintings or fashion collections from around the world. Included in the exhibition is a sculpture based on a 1622 painting of Maria Maddalena of Austria and her son, the future Ferdinand II, by Justus Sustermans, which is part of the FIA's permanent collection. The exhibition will close on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Programming around *Fashioning Art from Paper* includes a fashion-orientated film series, which is free and open to the public, beginning on Friday, July 5 and a docent-led tour of the exhibition on Saturday, June 29 at 1 PM. Of particular interest to both fashion fans and art lovers alike is the Au Revoir Soiree on Saturday, September 7. Sponsored by Neiman Marcus, this FIA fundraiser begins with a presentation by de Borchgrave in the FIA Theater, followed by a cocktail reception and a book signing with the artist. The evening concludes with a once-in-a-lifetime dinner and Q&A with the artist.

For more information about *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper* or to preview the exhibition before opening, please contact Chene Koppitz, FIA Communications Coordinator, via email at [ckoppitz@flintarts.org](mailto:ckoppitz@flintarts.org) or by phone at 810.237.7387.

#### **ABOUT FASHIONING ART WITH PAPER**

The exhibition has been organized by Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Society of the Four Arts, Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Frick Art and Historical Center, Baker Museum, Flint Institute of Arts, and SCAD FASH Museum of Fashion and Film. Major funding provided by FedEx.

#### **ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciate of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

The FIA is located at 1120 E. Kearsley St. in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Monday-Friday 12-5 PM; Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, and Sunday 1-5PM. FIA admission is free to all Genesee County residents, members, and children under 12. Adults are \$10; Seniors and students with current ID from an educational institution are \$8. Saturdays are free to all thanks to Huntington Bank.

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