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Biscuit lady gets big break in students' fashion extravaganza

A cartoonish elderly lady made from custard creams, dresses decorated with maps of the night sky and an army of 21 aliens are set to dazzle at a major fashion showcase.

They are just three of the attractions that will take over a landmark venue this week (23-25 May) as part of the Edinburgh College of Art Fashion Show.

The show at Edinburgh's McEwan Hall is one of the capital's leading style events. It will offer a glimpse of some of Scotland's most talented new designers in fashion, performance costume and textiles.

Other attractions include a knitwear collection that reflect women's roles in horror films, an experimental foray into unisex tailoring and designs drawing inspiration from an ancient Egyptian textile.

Edinburgh College of Art (ECA) will be the only Scottish higher education institute to show on the catwalk at the annual Graduate Fashion Week (GFW) in London.

Last year, ECA final-year student Lauren Smith won the top award, the George Gold Award for best collection, at GFW, receiving acclaim from Vogue and the New York Times in the process.

Costume design students will also showcase a range of dramatic creations, including a vibrant interpretation of a Russian fairytale, a six-foot tap-dancing pigeon and a chilling version of Oscar Wilde's Salome draped in a latticed veil with blood-red jewels.

The work of one student will also be featured in an exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum this summer. Sophie Barlow's chess-inspired designs for Shakespeare's Othello and Iago will be part of a celebration in London marking the Bard's 450th birthday.

Tickets are still available for the ECA Fashion Show. They can be purchased via Hub Tickets and cost £12 each (plus £1.25p booking fee).

Photographers are invited to the opening night of the show. They are asked to meet at the Main Door of McEwan Hall at 6pm. The show begins at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.50pm.

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