

MICHAEL VAN DER HAM BIOGRAPHY

For autumn/winter 09, Dutch-born designer, Michael van der Ham, captivated London Fashion Week with his Warhol inspired composite dresses. Credited as "a perfectly executed refreshing new idea" by Dolly Jones on Vogue.co.uk, Van der Ham favours in-depth research which leads to his unusual collaged approach to design.

The collection, which won the L'Oreal Professional Award, blurs the boundaries between a conceptual statement and obvious sexual expression, which together present a look that encompasses both vintage qualities with a tough modernity.

Van der Ham refined his craft with a number of invaluable internships. He began in New York with *avant garde* favourite, As Four. Michael then moved to London to complete intensive stints at Alexander McQueen and Sophia Kokosalaki, before joining the renowned Central Saint Martins MA course, which led him to presenting his ideas on the London Fashion Week catwalk.

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