

Marios Schwab

MARIOS SCHWAB AUTUMN WINTER 2008/2009

“THE YELLOW WALLPAPER”

MARIOS SCHWAB'S AUTUMN WINTER 2008/2009 COLLECTION FOLLOWS THE CONTOURS OF THE FEMALE SILHOUETTE, AND HENCE THE BODY IN ITS ENTIRETY. SCHWAB CREATES A UNIFORM AND ELONGATED SILHOUETTE, SO FITTED AGAINST THE BODY THAT ALTHOUGH THE FIGURE IS ENTIRELY ENCLOSED IT STANDS REVEALED.

THE COLLECTION LOOKS INSIDE THE BODY'S SILHOUETTE, RATHER THAN THE BODY ITSELF. INSPIRED BY THE TEXT OF THE YELLOW WALLPAPER*, GARMENTS ARE INTRICATELY CUT, INCREASING BOTH THE COMPLEXITY AND FRAGILITY OF THE FABRIC EMPLOYED. FABRICS ARE DISSECTED TO CREATE MULTIFACETED SURFACES, WITHIN WHICH LIE CONTRASTING LAYERS OF FLESH OR PRINT, A COLLABORATION WITH ARTIST TOM GALLANT.

GALLANT EXAMINES THE ORIGIN OF THE WEST'S CONTINUING FASCINATION WITH PORNOGRAPHY. INTRICATE AND BEAUTIFUL SHAPES, IN THIS CASE WILLIAM MORRIS PRINTS, ARE CUT AND SURMOUNTED ON TO PAGES EXTRACTED FROM PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES. THE DELICACY OF THE EXTERIOR LAYER OBSCURES AND OBJECTIFIES THE SUBJECTS AND THEIR SEXUAL ACTIVITIES.

HERE THE GARMENTS NOT ONLY RECIPROGATE GALLANT'S TECHNIQUES AND INTEREST IN CUT, BUT ALSO HIS REPRESENTATION OF FLESH AND THE BODY. FABRIC ACTS AS CANVAS OR PAPER WOULD TO AN ARTIST, COVERING THE ENTIRE FORM. IT IS THEN INCISED AND WORKED UPON, REVEALING DIFFERENT PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SILHOUETTE.

A CLASSIC PEA-COAT WORKS AS A FRAME TO A DRESS, SIMPLE AND STRONG. THIS CLASSIC, COMPLETE FRAMEWORK IS ONCE AGAIN CUT DOWN AND RE-CONVERSED - INTO SHORT, AND SLEEVELESS VERSIONS.

AW0809 TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE OF REPEATING A SEEMINGLY SIMPLE SHAPE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COLLECTION, BUT ENSURING THAT EACH LOOK APPROACHES IT WITH AN EQUALLY DIVERSE AND COMPLEX REPRESENTATION EACH TIME.

BY ADDING ONE LAYER TO ANOTHER A THIRD LAYER IS CREATED THROUGH VISUALISATION.

* FOOTNOTE: THIS SHORT LITERARY MASTERPIECE DRAWS ON THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF THE AUTHOR AND TELLS THE STORY OF A NAMELESS WOMAN DRIVEN MAD BY ENFORCED CONFINEMENT IN AN ATTIC, WHERE THE TORTUROUS PATTERN OF THE WALLPAPER WINDS ITS WAY INTO THE RECESSES OF HER MIND.

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