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Flagler Museum’s Fall Exhibition to Explore Fashion from the Inside Out

PALM BEACH, FL - The [Henry Morrison Flagler Museum](#), celebrating its 60th Anniversary, will launch its 2019/2020 “Season of Style 2” with its fall exhibition titled *Inside Out: Women’s Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette*, which is scheduled to debut on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and run through January 5, 2020. The exhibition focuses on how women have shaped American society and how undergarments have shaped them. The Flagler Museum will be the first and only Florida venue to host this exhibition.



Multiple layers of Victorian undergarments, 1890s. Melanie Talkington Collection, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Photo by Brooke Mulkey. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

Inside Out specifically examines the relationship between American women and their undergarments against a backdrop of fashion, sociological changes and political climate. Visitors will walk through eight key eras in American history, exploring the perceived roles of women in American culture from the 1790s to the present, how those roles have shaped — and been shaped by — what women wear, feminist ideas and movements since the nation’s earliest days, and the outward appearance and silhouette of stylish American women over time.

Organized by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts with the support of the Ben and Beverly Stribling Special Exhibition Trust and circulated through GuestCurator Traveling Exhibitions, *Inside Out* features over 140 costume items including fashion designs by Traina-Norell, Geoffrey Beane and Bob Mackie, as well as clothing worn by iconic contemporary celebrities including Cher and Lady Gaga.

“I’ve been to many major fashion exhibits around the country, but I always felt something was missing. The garments were all visually interesting but none of the exhibits I had seen were speaking about the underlying history ... none were talking about the sociology, the sexuality of the pieces and the status of the women who were wearing them,” said Howard Taylor, Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

“*Inside Out* provides such wonderful insight into the lifestyles of the Flaglers and their contemporaries in the Gilded Age by exploring fashions of that era, as well as how fashion has evolved over time. And the Museum is making sure men are included, too. Menswear from our collection will be interspersed throughout Whitehall’s second floor guest rooms during our Season of Style 2. Look for handkerchiefs, swim wear, night shirts and pocket watches as you tour the second floor!” said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum.

An illustrated companion volume titled *Inside Out: An Exploration of Women’s Status and Roles in American Society as Reflected in Fashion from Foundation to Silhouette* featuring essays by scholars, museum professionals, collectors and journalists will be available for purchase in the Museum Store. Additionally, the Museum Store will offer for sale unique and fashionable items such as period makeup and perfumes, and handmade foundation pieces in luxurious fabrics, all inspired by the fall exhibition. Items will be available for purchase starting in October. As always, Museum Members receive a 10% discount in the Museum Store.



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Exhibition Lecture

Howard J. Taylor, Director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in San Angelo, Texas
3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13, 2019
\$25 per person
Museum admission is included
Space is limited, reservations are required

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler’s Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as “more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world.” Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free. Guided tours, audio tours, printed self-guide brochures and the Flagler Museum Audio Tour app are all complimentary with Museum admission. Audio tours and self-guide brochures are available in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglERMuseum.us.