

OUR SPEAKER on **Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 1:30pm**
will be

Susan Bishop

who will talk to us about:

Costumes in Motion and the History of Fashion Shows

Susan Bishop is a Chartered Marketer and Senior Lecturer. She has Masters degrees in the History of Design and Material Culture and in Fashion Curation. Susan taught fashion retail marketing and consultancy at the London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London, University of Brighton and Surrey University. Amongst other teaching roles she currently lectures in fashion curation on the BA Costume for Theatre and Screen at Wimbledon School of Arts, UAL.



In 2019 Susan gave a series of talks in London and Sussex on her historical research about Barkers departments store supermodels in the 1920s, based on an historic Press Book. She continues her research with her latest project based on two press albums from 1930s about Captain Edward Molyneux, the British-born Paris couturier.

Since the end of the nineteenth century, fashion shows, whether in couturiers' salons or high class department stores, have played an essential role in promoting fashions. Whether for entertainment or commercial selling, fashion shows are a spectacular way of displaying fashion in motion. Theatre productions in the early twentieth century actively incorporated story lines about fashion so that the latest trends could be exhibited to the new middle-class audiences. Fashion couturier Paul Poiret used theatrical productions in his own garden as well as American department stores to show his new collections. Susan will give examples of the symbiotic relationship between performance and fashion and how they feed from one another.

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