Met Gala exhibit to examine everyday items

New theme replacing scuttled Galliano show

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NEW YORK — And now, Take 2: The new Met Gala exhibit will celebrate everyday garments and materials like jeans and puffer jackets, paper and plastic — and how fashion designers transform them.

The new theme announced Thursday sounds about as far as can be imagined from the glittering, elaborate designs of John Galliano, the British designer who was originally the subject of the Met's fashion exhibit next spring — before that idea was scuttled amid an outcry over past antisemitic statements.

The replacement show at the Met's Costume Institute, "extraORDINARY: Fashion and the Poetics of the Everyday," will be launched by the 2027 Met Gala, held traditionally on the first Monday in May. Using items in the museum's collection, as well as loans and acquisitions, the exhibit aims to explore "how designers rework familiar garments, everyday objects, and commonplace materials through craft, construction, material experimentation, and conceptual wit," the museum says.

There was 'no Plan B'

It is being assembled, as always, by the institute's head curator, Andrew Bolton. The idea had to come together quickly once the museum, along with Galliano himself, decided to cancel the scandal-plagued retrospective under pressure from donors, city officials and the Jewish community.

In an interview this week, Bolton described the challenge of coming up with a new idea from scratch after the cancellation of the Galliano show, which he called a disappointment. The institute had already been collecting Galliano designs for the original show, which was announced with fanfare in late July. The museum had promised to directly confront, in the show, the designer's "derogatory conduct that fundamentally altered his career and public reception" — a reference to past antisemitic and racist statements. But a month later, the show was scrapped entirely.

"I had no Plan B, to be honest," Bolton said. "There wasn't another exhibition already researched and ready to go." He said the new idea had occurred to him while he was working on last year's show, "Costume Art," but had remained merely "a twinkle in my eye."

But that twinkle, he said, "sort of led me to think more about how we experience clothing in everyday life, obviously through wearing it but (also) through memory and movement."

"Everyday clothes carry extraordinary amounts of meaning," Bolton said. "We have a favorite T-shirt, we have a favorite pair of jeans, and we wear them until they literally fall apart. And those meanings develop through wearing."

The show looks at how designers make these garments into something different and unique. "I like the idea that designers turn these familiar things into these incredible sources of wonder," he said.

Bolton hopes people, after visiting the show, will look dif-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BRAD BOWIE
Players wait for their numbers to be called as The Yard Goat hosts Xtreme Bingo night on Nov. 4 in Lafayette.

GAME TIME

Bingo is making a comeback with younger crowds. This Lafayette bar is part of the trend.

BY JA'KORI MADISON
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Wednesday nights at The Yard Goat in Lafayette have become a destination for bingo players looking for more than a traditional game. Xtreme Bar Bingo combines music, friendly competition and prizes ranging from electronics to cash jackpots.

The Bertrand Drive beer garden introduced the nationwide entertainment program in February after Sara Skiados, its director of promotions, noticed growing interest in bingo among younger adults.

"Our Wednesday nights were just kind of Wednesday nights," Skiados said. "It was like, 'Hey, what can we do to kind of pick up business, something fun?'"

The Lafayette venue is part of a broader revival of bingo as a social entertainment option. Across the country, bars, restaurants and event organizers are giving the traditional game a new twist with DJs, dancing, comedy and prizes, attracting younger customers looking for alternatives to a typical night out. The trend has been documented by national publications including Axios, Vogue and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.



Sara Skiados, director of promotions, left, presents Maggie Russo with a television after Russo won a round of bingo.

The Yard Goat connected with Challenge Entertainment, the company behind Xtreme Bar Bingo, and began hosting games at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. The event typically runs through nine rounds, ending around 9:15 p.m., depending on how many tiebreakers are needed.

The game follows the familiar format of bingo, but with a few twists. Instead of drawing numbered balls from a cage, numbers

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THE BEST THINGS WE ATE THIS WEEK

Smoked ribs, nigiri and more of our favorites

Nigiri, salmon roll and salad from Umami Japanese Bistro



STAFF PHOTO BY MADDIE SCOTT

Staff report

Nigiri lunch special

■ Umami Japanese Bistro, 3930 Burbank Drive, Baton Rouge

I love a good deal, and the lunch menu at Umami Japanese Bistro has many to choose from. The nigiri lunch special comes with a variety of chef's picks, plus a sushi roll and choice of soup or salad for $17. For sushi, that's a great deal.

The meal started with a salad doused in creamy cilantro dressing, which was delicious, coming from someone who loves cilantro. Then came the main plate with octopus, mackerel, yellowfin, tuna and salmon nigiri. I don't usually order nigiri, so I appreciated the variety and opportunity to try each piece. The mackerel and salmon were winners in my book.

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Cleaning a dryer vent screen



Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: The easiest way to clean a dryer vent screen is to put it on the upper rack in your dishwasher. **— Kate, in Texas**

Kate, this does sound simple. Thank you so much for this tip! I'm sure that many of our readers will appreciate it. **— Heloise**

Hard water stains

Dear Heloise: I have a side-by-side refrigerator with the ice and water dispenser on the door. It has a fingerprint-resistant stainless steel coating, but it now has hard water streaks running down the front of the freezer door. The manufacturer only recommends cleaning with gentle soap, water, and a microfiber cloth. But this doesn't remove the hard water stains. Help! **— Joanne, via email**

Joanne, hard water stains can be stubborn, especially on a fingerprint-resistant finish. Since the manufacturer recommends a gentle approach, you can try using a diluted solution of white vinegar and water with a soft microfiber cloth. Please test a small, inconspicuous area first to ensure that it doesn't affect the coating. Buffing the area immediately after cleaning will also help prevent streaking. Good luck! **— Heloise**

Teaching skills at home

Dear Heloise: In response to the Loyal Reader, who bemoaned that their grandson hadn't been taught money-handling skills in school, I'd point out that these are skills that can also be modeled and taught at home. Responsibly managing credit cards and bank accounts are good topics for dinnertime conversations and one-one-one sessions with a parent or another adult family member. **— Teach By Doing**

Teach By Doing, I agree. Money conversations belong in the home, where parents or guardians can use experience and common sense to show children how easy it is to charge items on credit cards and find yourself deep in debt. (This is one reason why I advocate for summer work for teenagers.)

It doesn't take long to learn that you can't have everything you want (at least not all at once), and once they have a job, they also learn to appreciate how hard their parents had to work for the things they have. **— Heloise**

Send a hint to heloise@heloise.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 2026. There are 50 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I ended as the Allies and Germany signed an armistice aboard a railroad car in the Forest of Compiègne in northern France.

Also on this date:

In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed the Mayflower Compact, creating a local government for the colony that called for a "civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation."

In 1831, Nat Turner, an enslaved man who led dozens of followers in a bloody revolt in Virginia that resulted in nearly 60 deaths, was executed by hanging. Although authorities quickly quelled the uprising, Turner evaded capture for several weeks before being captured.

In 1889, Washington was admitted to the Union as the nation's 42nd state.

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

In 1926, the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads launched the nation's first federal highway system, marking the official start of famed Route 66, which first stretched from Chicago to Los Angeles but later spanned the entire country.

In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off on a four-day mission with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard; it was the 10th and final crewed flight of NASA's Gemini program.

In 1987, following the failure of two Supreme Court nominations, President Ronald Reagan announced his choice of Judge Anthony M. Kennedy, who went on to win confirmation.

In 2022, Sam Bankman-Fried's FTX crypto exchange platform filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection amid a collapse of its assets; Bankman-Fried was convicted in November 2023 of seven counts of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Today's birthdays: Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega is 81. Music producer Mutt Lange is 78. Actor Stanley Tucci is 66. Actor Demi Moore is 64. Actor Calista Flockhart is 62. TV personality Carson Kressley is 57. Actor David DeLuise is 55. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 52. Actor Scoot McNairy is 49. Musician Jon Batiste is 40. Former NFL quarterback Mark Sanchez is 40. Retired American figure skater Adam Rippon is 37.

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ferently at the clothes they are wearing. In fact, he said, he was toying with the idea of suggesting a "dress code" to the general public, asking them to wear a favorite pair of jeans or T-shirt or bomber jacket.

"I think it'll make you think about what you're wearing," he said.

Notable pair of jeans

About a third of the show will consist of items in the museum's own collection, and the remaining items will be loans from design houses or gifts. One special loan, from London's Victoria and Albert Museum: An iconic puffer coat by designer Charles James, from the 1930s. Also in the puffer section will be a noted "sleeping bag coat" by designer Norma Kamali.

A number of designers also will be contributing items in honor of the Costume Institute's 80th anniversary next year. "So we're using it as an opportunity to continue to diversify the collection," Bolton said.

There's also a notable pair of jeans, which themselves generated a bit of controversy.

Bolton said Brooke Shields has contributed the Calvin Klein jeans from her famous ad campaign — made when she was only 15 — in which she told the world that nothing came between her and her Calvins.

Hosts, dress code TBD

The spring exhibit is launched each year by the starry Met Gala, a fundraiser for the museum's Costume Institute, where guests tour the show during cocktail hour. The most visible and photographed event on the fashion calendar is a much-coveted invite, drawing a mix of luminaries from the worlds of entertainment, business, sports and politics.

The exhibit's theme influences the evening's dress code on the carpet, which will be announced at a later date — as will the newest slate of celebrity hosts for the May 3 gala.

One of the foremost critics of the Galliano exhibit was a past attendee, New York City Council Speaker Julie Menin, who said she'd met many times with museum leaders to voice opposition. The gala would have, in 2027, fallen on Holocaust Remembrance Day. The daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Menin said in August that the cancellation was "the correct decision, as the harm and pain this was causing was simply unacceptable."

Galliano, long recognized as one of the fashion world's biggest talents, spent years as creative director of Christian Dior. He was fired when a series of racist and antisemitic comments from 2010 and 2011 went viral, leading to his conviction in an antisemitism trial in France. Galliano spent several years involved in public and private efforts to make amends. He made a comeback in 2014 when he was hired by Paris fashion house Maison Margiela, where he remained for a decade.

"I remain fully accountable for the pain caused by my words in the past, particularly the hurt I caused to the Jewish and Asian communities, and I remain deeply sorry for it," Galliano said in a statement when his exhibit was canceled.

The gala is overseen by Anna Wintour, Vogue's global editorial director, one of the most influential figures in fashion and a longtime supporter of Galliano.

"John's decision that the exhibition devoted to his work should not take place at this time is very courageous and a measure of the man he is," Wintour said in an August statement.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRAD BOWIE

Host Daniel McClain calls a round as The Yard Goat hosts Xtreme Bingo night in Lafayette.

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are randomly generated and displayed on television screens throughout the venue. Players use color-coded cards for different rounds, with patterns ranging from traditional lines to more challenging designs such as a stacked X, broken frame and full-card coverall.

Prizes have included televisions, air fryers, AirPods, kitchen equipment, gift cards, purses and Yard Goat merchandise, along with cash prizes through progressive jackpots.

One of the night's biggest winners came Nov. 4, when Maggie Russo took home a 52-inch flat-screen smart TV during Game 6. The win came on her birthday, after months of attending the event without winning.

"It feels not real," Russo said. "They usually have like small prizes if you win after the call, so the fact that I now have a TV is amazing."

Russo said she usually attends to spend time with friends, and the birthday celebration gave the Nov. 4 gathering an extra reason to be special. She keeps coming back because the event gives her something to do during the week and a chance to catch up with friends.

"It's fun having something to do during the week, and we get to hang out with each other, which is nice because we're sometimes all so busy," she said.

The final round features the nationwide Xtreme Jackpot, which had reached $9,000 on Nov. 4. Players must complete an X pattern within a designated number of calls to win.

The Yard Goat also offers its own giveaways beyond the regular game prizes. At the end of the night, players can write their names on the backs of their final bingo cards and enter a drawing for an additional prize, whether or not they have won a round.

For Payton Sisniegas, the prizes are only part of the appeal. He has attended several bingo events around the area, but The Yard Goat has become a regular stop. Of the four Wednesday nights he has attended Xtreme Bar Bingo there, he has won something twice.

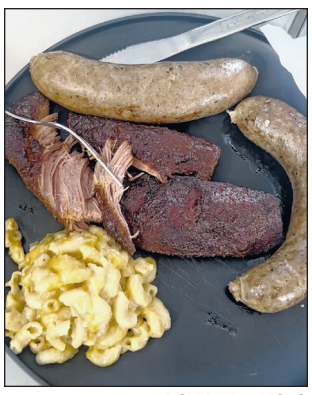
"I go to a bunch of places that do bingo on Wednesdays and Tuesdays, but here it's free. Other places are like $10, $20 to participate," Sisniegas said. "The atmosphere is also great."

That atmosphere is something The Yard Goat has worked to build. In June, the venue brought in Michael Mayer, known as DJ MnM with Mik'D Up Entertainment, to add interactive music to the event.

Bingo callers Daniel McClain and Brandon Alleman also keep the crowd involved with puns, dance moves and impromptu activities. During breaks, familiar songs get people moving, while ties can be settled through rock-paper-scissors, limbo contests, pushup challenges and other competitions.

"Totally different level," Skiados said. "It really made it more fun for those that came."

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A lunch plate from Johnson's Boucanière

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For the roll of choice, I chose salmon. It's a fresh, simple roll that Umami has perfected.

— Maddie Scott, features reporter

Lunch plate

■ Johnson's Boucanière, 1111 Saint John St., Lafayette

Known for its smoked meats and barbecue, Johnson's Boucanière did not disappoint. The restaurant also offers a lunch plate special 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

I decided to try the build-your-own lunch plate, which allows customers to choose a protein and two sides. I chose the boneless smoked country-style ribs as my main protein, along with their original family-recipe boudin link and mac and cheese.

Overall, if you're looking for a good smoked barbecue plate, I'd recommend Johnson's Boucanière. Between the quality of the food and the affordable lunch special, it's worth a visit.

— Jakori Madison, features reporter



STAFF PHOTO BY JOY HOLDEN

The 3 Sisters pressed sandwich is made with fig spread, brie, capi ham and arugula.

Three Sisters sandwich

■ The Vintage, 333 Laurel St., Baton Rouge

After the Louisiana Book Festival on Halloween, my friend and I walked to The Vintage for a bite to eat and some air conditioning. The place was buzzing with energy, and our barista was dressed up with a purple wig.

I ordered the Three Sisters pressed sandwich because I will almost always order the fig and brie choice no matter where I am. My friend told me that the building used to be a women's department store called Three Sisters, hence the sandwich's name.

The sandwich was pressed and warm, surrounded by the best fries downtown. The fig spread, brie, capi ham and arugula all combined for savory and sweet goodness. The sandwich was exactly what I needed after a busy few hours at the book festival. The Vintage's parmesan truffle fries are thin, but not quite shoestring, and crispy, dusted with magic seasoning. I had enough to bring home and even snuck a few fries on the way back to my house.

— Joy Holden, features reporter

