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# CLUB FERMOY

## The David Roche Foundation House Museum

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Club Fermoy #25

Dear friends and supporters,

Welcome to our 'short and sweet' summer edition of *Club Fermoy*. Throughout January enjoy access to David Roche's extraordinary collection displayed in Fermoy House for just \$12 General or \$10 Concession. Book a tour today and reacquaint yourself with his mesmerizing interiors which are kept at an optimal 21 degrees throughout summer!

Then, starting 29 January, we launch our first exhibition for 2022 - *Silhouettes: Fashion in the shadow of HIV/AIDS*, an inspiring, beautiful, and powerful show that takes us on a journey through some of the fashion 'greats' we lost in the late twentieth century. Curated exclusively for TDRF!

Best wishes,

Robert Reason  
Museum Director

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## UPCOMING EXHIBITION

**SILHOUETTES**  
Fashion in the Shadow of HIV/AIDS

**OPENS 29 JANUARY**





*Silhouettes: Fashion in the Shadow of HIV/AIDS* explores the lives and works of some of fashion's brightest stars from the late 20th century. Featured in this ground-breaking exhibition are works by designers, artist and activists who have passed of AIDS related illness to raise awareness of their contribution to fashion during a pivotal moment in history.

Over 100 pieces of fashion, art and ephemera - sourced from esteemed private and public collections from the UK, Europe, USA and Australia - tell a story of changing hemlines, changing worlds and changing attitudes. Showcasing household names like Halston and Moschino, *Silhouettes* also features work from revolutionary black designers Patrick Kelly, Fabrice Simon and Willi Smith, and forgotten talents like Clovis Ruffin and Chester Weinberg.

HIV/AIDS in fashion became an important activism tool to force social and political advancement, and in many cases intersected couture designers and activist artists as they collaborated to affect change through fashion, design, and art. Australians Peter Tully, David McDiarmid and Brenton Heath-Kerr brought this

struggle to our streets with passion and panache.

The fashion designers, artists, and activists selected for *Silhouettes* exercised an outsized influence on fashion and almost all are unduly overlooked in recent years. *Silhouettes: Fashion in the Shadow of HIV/AIDS* is a powerful reminder of an entire generation of international designers lost to the virus but deserving of contemporary recognition.

Curated by Skye Bartlett

Team Manager, SAMESH

## Details:

*Silhouettes: Fashion in the Shadow of HIV/AIDS*

Opens 29 January 2022

Tuesday to Saturday 10AM – 4PM

No booking required.

Exhibition entry: \$12 adult. \$10 concession.  
Children under 12 free.

Guided house tour & exhibition entry: \$20 adult.  
\$17 concession.  
Children under 12 free.





**Left image:** Chester Weinberg (USA 1930–1985), Evening dress, 1968, silk, satin, On loan from a private collection, Adelaide

**Right image:** Rossella Jardini for Moschino (Italy established 1952), Red ribbon blazer, 1995, On loan from a private collection, Paris, France

## EVENTS

The David Roche Foundation has a full schedule of events planned for the season of *Silhouettes*, including a variety of guest speakers, musical performances and special guided tours of the exhibition.

After *Silhouettes* opens on 29 January, we're kicking off our events season with a Members only tour of *Silhouettes* with fashion historian, collector and the exhibition's guest curator, Skye Bartlett, on Thursday 10 February; followed a couple of weeks later on Thursday 24 February by our first Twilight evening of 2022, in what is sure to be an enjoyable evening at TDRF.

The start of March sees Fringe Festival returning to TDRF with two performances by renowned violinist, Jonathon Glonek, on Thursday 2 and 9 March, the former consisting of Grand duos with violist Heidi Von Bernewitz, the latter delving into the incredible works for the violin by Italian violinist and composer, Niccolò Paganini (1782-1840). March will conclude with a visit from Rebecca Evans, the Art Gallery of South Australia's Curator of Decorative Arts and Design, who will be talking about the work of Peter Tully, one of the Australian designers in *Silhouettes*.

In April, we have the pleasure of welcoming art historian, Timothy Roberts, to TDRF to talk about fashion as a form of activism, on Thursday 21 April, in his lecture, Wear your heart on your sleeve.

Then in, May we'll see Skye Bartlett return to TDRF, this time accompanied by Nikki Sullivan (SAMESH), when they will present a special guided tour of the *Silhouettes* exhibition on Thursday 12 May as part of the History Festival.

*Make sure to keep an eye on our events page (click below!) as we'll be adding more events over the coming days and weeks, and that's where you'll find out about these first!*

[View the Events Calendar](#)

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## MEMBERSHIP



Have you considered joining The David Roche Foundation House Museum membership?

By joining, you will be able to enjoy a variety of fantastic benefits, including:

- access to exclusive tours and special events
- a 25% discount on house tours and exhibition entry fees
- 10% off lecture tickets
- 10% off shop purchases
- and so much more!

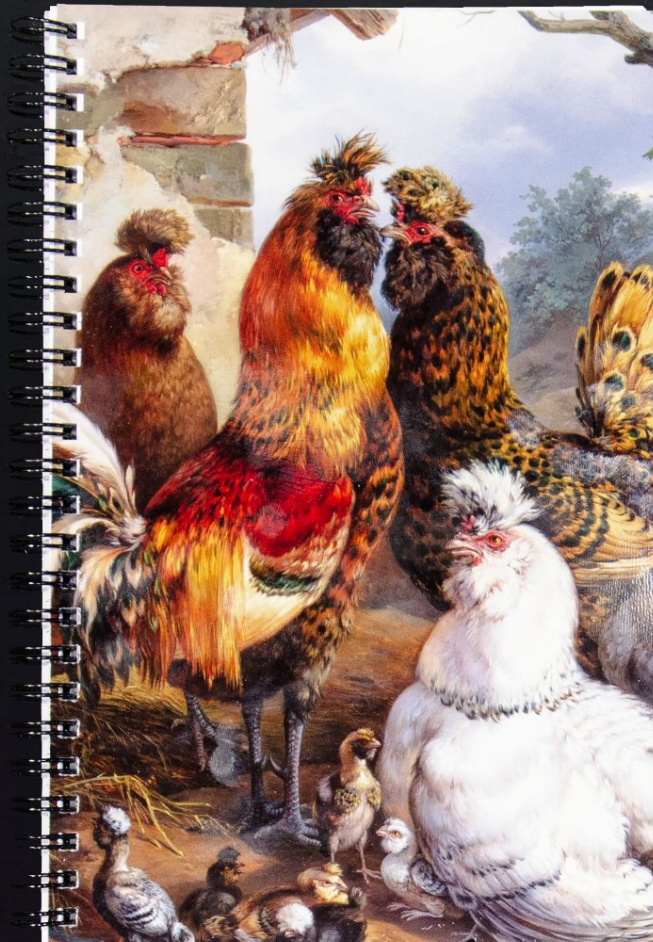
In addition, you will be supporting TDRF to continue presenting world-class exhibitions, lectures with expert guest speakers from across the country and acquiring important pieces to add to the Collection.

Sign up to TDRF membership today, so you can be part of one of Australia's finest art institutions!

For more information about the membership or to sign up, click the button below to visit the Membership page on our website or contact [memberships@rochefoundation.org.au](mailto:memberships@rochefoundation.org.au).

Find out more

## ONLINE SHOP





Support The David Roche Foundation by purchasing something from our online shop! We have a variety of unique items in store based on works in the collection, including scarves, mugs and pens.

And newly arrived are our brand new notebooks, featuring a detail from Ernst Hasse's delightful bucolic 1854 painting, The fowl run (Geflügelhof), perfect for jotting down notes on the run. Practical and attractive, what more could you want?

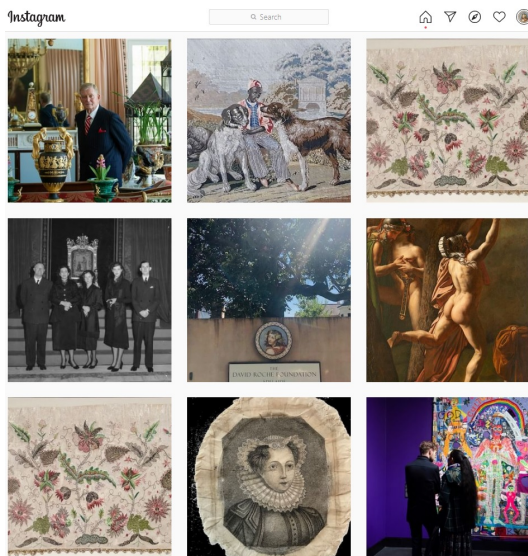
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TDRF acknowledges the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of the Adelaide region. We recognise and respect Kaurna heritage, beliefs and spiritual relationship with Country, and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



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