

Mystic Museum of Art Announces Major Summer Exhibition: “Luxe, CT: Velvet Mills to Modern Runways”

Exhibition Explores Connecticut's Textiles Legacy from Historic Mills to Contemporary Fashion

MYSTIC, CT, UNITED STATES, June 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- MYSTIC, CT: June 8—Mystic Museum of Art (MMoA) will present [Luxe, CT: Velvet Mills to Modern Runways](#), a major summer exhibition exploring the history, artistry, labor, and cultural impact of textiles in Connecticut from the precolonial era through contemporary fashion.

Opening June 26 and continuing through October 11, 2026, the exhibition examines how luxury has been created, defined, and transformed over time through material culture, craftsmanship, immigration, and industry.

Inspired by southeastern Connecticut's historic velvet industry, Luxe, CT brings together historic and contemporary examples of beadwork, embroidery, quilts, velvet, and fashion from regional institutional partners and MMoA's permanent collection.

The exhibition is presented in partnership with Historic Stonington, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, and Mystic Seaport Museum.

Visitors will encounter objects that reveal stories of labor, innovation, community traditions, and evolving systems of value across generations. The exhibition also highlights contemporary fashion designers with Connecticut ties, including Xarea Lockhart, Toriana Sauro, Christian Siriano, and Peter Som.



Christian Siriano Headshot. Photo by Shane Lavancher, 2024.

“Luxe, CT invites visitors to revel in fashion across centuries and discover the deeper human stories woven into every textile and garment,” said Alana Ryder, Executive Director. “This exhibition connects regional history to contemporary conversations around identity, community, and creative expression.”

Opening preview on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, for exhibition sponsors, lenders, members of the press and hospitality, elected officials and MMoA members. 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Public programs, workshops, and other events will run throughout the exhibition.

Exhibition Information

Luxe, CT: Velvet Mills to Modern Runways: June 26 – October 11, 2026

Location: [Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water Street, Mystic, CT](#)

For more information, exhibition schedules, and tickets, visit mysticmuseumofart.org.

About Mystic Museum of Art

Mystic Museum of Art (MMoA) has served as a focal point for the arts in southeastern Connecticut for more than 100 years. Founded in 1913 as the Mystic Art Association, the Museum today engages visitors in richly curated exhibitions, interpretive activities, studio classes, and outreach programs. Our mission is to inspire creativity and critical dialogue by engaging the regional community in the understanding, appreciation, and practice of visual art. Our mission: Located on the banks of the Mystic River and grounded in our legacy of artistic appreciation and practice, MMoA engages communities to explore, discuss, and discover their passion for art.

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