

# WOMEN OF THE MET

*we felt inspired by this year*

The 2024 Met Gala's grand finale marked the close of fashion's most illustrious evening at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This year's theme, "Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion," shed light on the potential of technology to breathe new life into garments deemed too fragile for wear.

## Zendaya

*As there is increasing calls for the fashion industry to embrace sustainability and reduce consumption, it is wonder an increasing amount of looks at the Met Gala incorporate archival pieces. Arguably, the standout celebrity in archival fashion would be Zendaya; wearing 1990s Galliano across two gowns. Zendaya is an avid philanthropist, partnering with organisations such as UNICEF, PETA. She has embraced intersectional feminism and promotes the inclusion of all women and actively campaigns across her social media platforms.*



## Donatella Versace

*Donatella Versace, a significant figure at this year's Met Gala, has a profound connection to the brand, first established by her brother Gianni in 1978. After his murder in 1997, Donatella assumed leadership of the fashion house. She's often emphasised her preference for designing "powerful clothes," aiming to instil confidence in women and celebrate femininity without reservation. Through the early 2000s to today, Donatella propelled Versace to new heights. She meticulously curated the Versace aesthetic, infusing it with her own sensibilities. This transformation garnered widespread acclaim, establishing Versace as a paragon of sophistication. Through her leadership, Donatella Versace has not only honoured her brother's legacy but also charted an impressive trajectory for the iconic fashion house.*





## Mona Patel

*Wearing Iris Van Herpen, Mona Patel was easily one of the best best dressed and most inspiring attendees at the 2024 Met Gala. Coming from humble beginnings in India, before relocating to the US to establish various businesses in sectors such as healthcare, technology and real estate; Mona is a truly impressive businesswoman. One of her most inspiring ventures is 'Couture for a Cause' combining her love of fashion and philanthropy. The organisation auctions off couture pieces for charitable causes such as Pencils of Promise and the Rescue Foundation, both of which aim to empower women.*

## Miuccia Prada

*Miuccia Prada, while not personally present at the Met Gala, left her mark with her impressive designs, worn by stars such as Sydney Sweeney, Troye Sivan and Amanda Seyfried. Miuccia, the head designer of Prada and founder of MiuMiu is truly one of the most inspiring figures in the modern fashion industry. Miuccia has been an avid feminist speaking out about reproductive rights since her youth. Prada has established various organisations to assist the arts, such as Fondazione Prada which allows artists to put on shows in a contemporary space and Miu Miu's Womens Tales which aid female filmmakers in developing short films with creative freedom.*

## Stella McCartney

*Another of the spotlighted designers at this year's Met was Stella McCartney, a pioneering female force in sustainable fashion. Collaborating with VRAI, a brand renowned for crafting diamonds that mitigate carbon emissions, McCartney showcased a masterpiece donned by Cara Delevingne. The ensemble featured a stunning bodice adorned with 500 carats of diamonds, embodying VRAI's commitment to offsetting 143 pounds of carbon dioxide per carat,. Complementing the exquisite bodice was a McCartney skirt crafted from bio-acetate cady and viscose derived from responsibly managed forests, exemplifying McCartney's dedication to eco friendly materials and ethical sourcing.*

*- Lauren + Charlotte*