

GO BEYOND THE FRINGE AT HAT WORKS

Stockport's Hat Works Museum, the UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry and headwear is set to unveil its latest exhibition, entitled 'Beyond the Fringe'.

The exhibition, which opens on Saturday 11th November, features an array of wigs from across the world dating back to Egyptian times and moving through to the swinging Sixties and Seventies.

Since Egyptian times, wigs have been worn for pleasure or purpose. From sensible to serious and down right silly, this exhibition guides the visitor through time to show how wig wearing has evolved. There is even a special section on how wigs are made for film, television and theatre.

Wigs have been very popular at different times through history. In Roman times when fashion-conscious women were having their portrait-busts sculpted, they often requested it to be done in two pieces. This is so that the hairstyles could be changed at a later date to represent their new hairpieces.

Hat Works has worked with Wigs Up North, a wig making company based in Manchester, to present this unique exhibition which will be on display until 25th February 2007.

Entry is free and there are fun activities for family visitors, including trying wigs on!

For more information contact Hat Works on 0845 833 0975, or visit www.hatworks.org.uk

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Dressed Wig. Photograph courtesy of Wigs Up North.