

# HAT WORKS PRESS RELEASE

## **HOT HOT HOT AT HAT WORKS**

Make sure you're up to date with all the latest headwear trends with the exclusive 'What's Hot' exhibition at Hat Works.

As part of the series, exclusive couture milliner Sharon Bainbridge is showcasing a unique collection of high-fashion headwear, specially designed for Hat Works. Designer Bainbridge teaches millinery at Leeds College of Art and Huddersfield Technical College.

The collection, made almost entirely by hand, incorporates traditional millinery techniques and materials used in the early Victorian era, when Stockport's hatting industry was at its peak.

Councillor Shan Alexander, Executive Member for Leisure, said: "The What's Hot series showcases the latest in millinery fashion from up and coming hat and headwear designers. Get ahead of the fashion and come and see the latest creations from this exciting designer. And look out for new collections at Hat Works every few months throughout the year."

Designer Sharon Bainbridge added: "I wanted to create a unique collection that is both fashionable and modern, but reflects Stockport's significant hatting history. To symbolise this, the hats are made entirely from felt, some using vintage material from Christy & Co. Hat Company."

Sharon Bainbridge's collection is on display until 2nd April 2009 and is FREE to enter.

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