

HAT WORKS PRESS RELEASE

VICTORIA AND ALBERT COME TO HAT WORKS

Curators from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London visited Stockport recently, when they came to Hat Works for some specialist advice on their latest exhibition.

The exhibition 'Hats: An Anthology by Stephen Jones', features hats created by the internationally renowned milliner and follows on from the first fashion show at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1971 by Cecil Beaton. The exhibition explores the world of millinery from the inside out, following the life-cycle of a hat.

The Victoria and Albert curators turned to Stockport's Hat Works for help in devising and staging the exhibition. Hat Works' curators provided their specialist assistance and also loaned three hats from their international collection for display as part of the exhibition.

Councillor Shan Alexander, Executive Member for Leisure, said: "Hat Works is the only museum in the UK dedicated to hatting and headwear and it is great that we can share our expertise and collections with the top museums in the country."

'Hats: An Anthology by Stephen Jones' is on display at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London until 31 May 2009.

For more information on the latest exhibitions at Hat Works call 0161 355 7770 or visit www.hatworks.org.uk

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