

## WHAT'S HOT AT HAT WORKS

Stockport's Hat Works, the UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry, is set to unveil the latest in its series of 'What's Hot' exhibitions.

These displays explore the best in contemporary millinery, ranging from Haute Couture designers to millinery students.

This new exhibition showcases the work of established milliner Teresa Pastucha Russell.

Teresa has produced two collections for Hat Works, the first inspired by a series of paintings by Toulouse Lautrec between 1890 and 1896. The paintings feature show girls at venues such as the Moulin Rouge and inspired the expression of glamour and style portrayed in these hats. Each piece has been based on a particular painting as a whole or on an individual character, and has been interpreted with the use of colour, tone, shape and texture.

The second collection has been inspired by the sculptural feel of the Art Deco movement. Each piece reflects the gentle curves that were used within this time and Teresa has fused this together with the form of shells. She has used colour to represent the vibrancy of coral reefs and how they change with the reflection of light.

Each of Teresa's hats is a hand crafted, unique piece of art work and is a wonderful example of her expert skills.

On a recent visit from her hometown of Luton, Teresa, said: "It's a fantastic museum, so interesting and in a wonderful building. It makes me sad that this is all that's left of so many of the hatting factories though. I wish we had something like this down in Luton."

This free exhibition is installed on the Gallery Floor of Hat Works and opens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and will be on display until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

For more information call Hat Works on 0845 833 0975 or email [bookings.hatworks@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:bookings.hatworks@stockport.gov.uk)

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Pictured is a hat inspired by the paintings of Toulouse Lautrec