

Saint Laurent brings elegance to dazzling show in front of Eiffel Tower

Saint Laurent's models on Tuesday paraded down a runway filled with dozens of projector lights against the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower to showcase the French label's collection for Paris Fashion Week. Long, fluid dresses and burnished gold embroideries from the 70s, chosen by creative director Anthony Vaccarello for the 2020 summer collection, sparkled along with the Paris landmark.

Ushering in Vaccarello's fourth year in the job, the women's collection unveiled at the show heavily featured short and knee-length shorts, high boots, dazzling cigarette pants and jumpsuits. See-through tops with deep necklines also set the tone for the looks. Kaia Gerber, the daughter of top model Cindy Crawford, was one of the models, while Naomi Campbell closed the show.

"A sharp take on Saint Laurent classics devised to

strengthen individuality," Saint Laurent said in a statement, describing the show. The crowd included French icon Catherine Deneuve, Mexican actress Salma Hayek, who is married to Francois-Henri Pinault, chief executive of the Kering SA conglomerate that owns Saint Laurent, and actor Rami Malek, who played Queen frontman Freddie Mercury in the rock film drama "Bohemian Rhapsody."

In addition to Saint Laurent, the Kering luxury goods conglomerate owns the Gucci and Balenciaga labels. Saint Laurent accounts for around 13 percent of the group's revenue. Kering is scheduled to present its third-quarter sales results on Oct 24. — Reuters



US model Kaia Gerber



British super model Naomi Campbell



Pregnant models show they have stomach for Paris catwalk

Spring summer fashion is about the race—often in vain—to get a flat tummy. But that was not the case on the Paris fashion week catwalk Tuesday, where two pregnant models walked the runways. The French designer Marine Serre sent her mum-to-be out cradling her tummy in the drizzle at her outdoor show, while the Chinese brand Dawei had another heavily-pregnant model in a vertically striped sweater dress to accentuate her bump.

While Serre's choice was also to add a touch of hope to her apocalyptic-themed show "Black Tide", which warned of the environmental catastrophe, pregnant models are becoming something of a thing these days. Though the trend is not without its risks. While model Lily Aldridge batted away the worries about walking at New York fashion week last year, Slick Woods will never forget doing Rihanna's Savage X Fenty lingerie fashion show in the city last September.

She began to go into labor just before the lights went up but she soldiered on. The 22-year-old model was already 2 cm dilated when she tottered offstage. "My last memory before going into the hospital is of Rihanna spanking me with a whip," she later wrote in an article for Vogue. Such was the initial rush, that the American songwriter Erykah Badu had to act as her doula over FaceTime. But in the end her son Saphir was born after an 18-hour labor. Woods' due date was two days after the show.—AFP

A pregnant model presents a creation by Marine Serre during the Women's Spring-Summer 2020 Ready-to-Wear collection fashion show in Paris. — AFP

