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# Disco and live audiences in Milan as Italy fashion seeks 'rebirth'



**T**here was disco fever on the Milan catwalks Wednesday as Fendi kicked off the first fashion week for almost 18 months with predominantly live audiences. Coronavirus restrictions meant a reduced guest list, but photographers still gathered outside to get a glimpse of stars including Vogue legend Anna Wintour and influencer Chiara Ferragni. "It is difficult not to get

excited," said Fendi chief Serge Brunschwig. "It's the first time in 18 months that we have the public back, with the feeling of something like a return to normal." Fendi is not alone—from Prada to Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, Missoni, Ferragamo and Etro, almost all the big fashion houses have opted for in-person shows for the spring/summer 2022 women's collections in Milan.

Out of 65 catwalk shows over the next five days, 43 will have a physical audience, as will 77 out of the 98 presentations—and many of the parties are back. COVID-19 still made its presence felt. Guests have to show proof of vaccination or a negative test, and wear masks.

