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A BSM programming series inspired by the exhibition *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*.

Celebrating Manolo

Join us at the BSM as we celebrate the man behind the brand.

Wednesday, May 16 | 6pm

In Conversation with Manolo Blahnik

The BSM is thrilled to welcome one of the world's most influential figures within the fashion industry to the museum to discuss the retrospective, *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*. For over 45 years, Mr. Blahnik's inventiveness and superb artisanship has crossed boundaries between fashion and art, inspiring elegance and perfection. Join us as Mr. Blahnik shares his thoughts on what truly inspires him, his views on the fashion industry today and the travelling exhibition. Mr. Blahnik will be joined by the exhibition's curator Cristina Carrillo de Albornoz and the evening will be moderated by BSM Senior Curator Elizabeth Semmelhack.

\$150 VIP | \$50 General | \$35 Friends of the BSM

Tuesday, November 27 | 6pm

Birthday Tour and Toast

The man behind the shoes has his birthday on November 27 and we're celebrating with a tour and a toast! Enjoy a guided tour of *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes* with BSM Senior Curator Elizabeth Semmelhack and then join us as we raise a glass of bubbly in celebration of Mr. Blahnik's birthday. As an added bonus, the Museum Shop will stay open late so participants can enjoy a private shopping opportunity!

\$30 | \$15 for Friends of the BSM

Reel Fashion

The BSM presents a series of films inspired by *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*. Be sure to arrive early to visit the exhibition for some inspiration before the film.

Thursday, October 4 | 7pm

God Save My Shoes

God Save My Shoes is the first documentary film to explore the intimate relationship between women and shoes, questioning why shoes are the most addictive item in a woman's closet and how shoes have become an object of worship. Featuring commentary by Manolo Blahnik.

Included with PayWhatYouCan Thursday donation | Free for Friends of the BSM | Reserve your seat by emailing rsvp@batashoemuseum.ca.

Thursday, November 15 | 7pm

Love, Cecil

Lisa Immordino Vreeland directs this documentary about Academy Award-winning costume designer Cecil Beaton. A respected photographer, artist and set designer, Beaton was best known for design work on award-winning films such as *Gigi* (1958) and *My Fair Lady* (1964). The designer is remembered by many who worked with him, including Manolo Blahnik. The BSM is excited to welcome Ms. Vreeland to the museum for the screening and a Q&A session following the film.

\$15 | Free for Friends of the BSM

Thursday, December 6 | 7pm

Sex and the City

This big-screen continuation of the hit TV series which made Manolo Blahnik a household name follows the lives of Carrie, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte against the backdrop of New York City.

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Creative Pursuits

Let your mind and body be inspired by *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*! Join us for a series of programs celebrating the artistry of Manolo Blahnik in creative and unique ways.

Sunday, May 20 | 12:30pm-4pm

Sunday, November 4 | 12:30pm-4pm

Shoe Design Workshop

Be inspired by a guided tour of *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*. Then join Jennifer Allison of Toronto's Art and Sole Academy as she leads you through a variety of creative exercises to help put your own shoe design concepts onto paper during this three hour workshop. Visit artandsoleacademy.com to purchase tickets.

\$125 per workshop

Friday, August 17 | 5:30pm

Friday, October 12 | 5:30pm

Sketching in the Galleries

Participants of any skill level are invited to spend a quiet hour in the museum after we close to the general public and be inspired by our exhibitions, including *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*. Supplies not provided, dry mediums only please.

\$5 | Free for Friends of the BSM

Monday, September 24 | Doors open at 6pm

Army of Sass at the BSM

ARMY of SASS is a training and performance program designed to build confidence and gain physical strength while developing sassy dance skills in heels. Enjoy a unique opportunity to get a taste of this training in Toronto's biggest shoebox! All are welcome to join us for this special class, held on location at the Bata Shoe Museum.

Class begins at 7pm | \$20

Guest Guides

Museum exhibitions allow objects to speak and connect with audiences in very different and personal ways. The Bata Shoe Museum is excited to present a series of tours of *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes* with special guest tour guides from a variety of areas within the fashion industry. Each guide will lead participants on a tour inspired by their background and their own personal experience of the exhibition.

\$30 | \$15 for Friends of the BSM | Tours include a post-tour reception.

Tuesday, May 22 | 6pm

Randi Bergman

Randi Bergman is a writer, editor and host of the podcast *Capsule '98*, which focuses on 90's culture. Her tour will be inspired by Manolo Blahnik's work in the 1990s, the era in which, thanks to *Sex and the City*, he became a household name.

Monday, June 4 | 6pm

Jane Hanrahan and Vanessa Mulrone

The co-founders of the brand-positioning consultancy Power of Privé, Vanessa Mulrone and Jane Hanrahan have a wealth of experience in the global fashion industry. These perfect partners in style will bring their understanding of the business of fashion to their tour of *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*.

Wednesday, July 11 | 6pm

Jennifer Wallace

Jennifer Wallace, Holt Renfrew's designer footwear buyer, has over ten years of experience in the business of fashion buying and merchandising strategies. Jennifer will bring her sharp eye for fashion and understanding of what today's shopper desires to her tour of *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes*.

Tuesday, October 9 | 6pm

Roslyn Griffith Hall

Roslyn Griffith Hall is a visual artist who has studied art history, drawing, painting and sculpture. Now a fashion stylist and street style photographer, these passions, along with her art background, will inspire her tour, as she examines *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes* through the lens of art and fashion.

Fashion Talks

Explore *Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes* in intriguing and unexpected ways as experts examine the exhibition, the brand and the man behind it.

\$20 | \$10 for Friends of the BSM

Tuesday, September 18 | 6pm

Copycats: Faking Footwear

Anjali Patel, Founder, blue chip fashion

Manolo Blahnik's shoes are highly coveted but also the most imitated. Join Anjali Patel, a Toronto-based fashion lawyer and trademark agent, for this illustrated talk on copyrights and knockoffs in the world of fashion and footwear.

Tuesday, October 16 | 6pm

Stroke of Genius:

Manolo Blahnik and the High Heel

Elizabeth Semmelhack, BSM Senior Curator

Manolo Blahnik's place in the history of footwear is undeniable but how did his shoes become such coveted items of fashion? The talk will explore the work of Mr. Blahnik with a focus on his dedication to the high heel beginning with his revival of the stiletto in the 1970s to his current highly sought after creations. It will also consider how and why his shoes have stoked desire for decades.



To purchase tickets visit
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