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**EXQUISITE PAPER WORKS OF ART INSPIRE A NIGHT OF
INTERNATIONAL ART AND CULTURE FOR *NUIT DE LA MODE***

Presented by Hillwood, Art Soirée, and Alliance Française de Washington, September 22

Washington – The beautiful paper gowns, dresses, and costumes of Belgian artist Isabelle de Borchgrave in the exhibition [*Prêt-à-Papier*](#) are the backdrop and inspiration for [*Nuit de la Mode*](#) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 22 at [Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens](#). Presented for the second time in partnership with [Art Soirée](#) and [Alliance Française de Washington](#), *Nuit de la Mode* is an elegant evening of international art, fashion, and culture.

Guests are invited to dress in their most fabulous patterns and pleats for a night saturated with the sumptuous gowns of *Prêt-à-Papier* and the creative paper art activities they inspire. Building on the crumpled couture of de Borchgrave and her passion for inspiring creativity, local artists [Stella Bonds](#) and Dennis Roche of [Roche Salon](#) will costume and coif models for a living exhibition piece starting at 8:30 p.m. Throughout the night, guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting [gardens](#), explore the impeccable [French](#) and [Russian](#) decorative art that fills [Marjorie Merriweather Post's](#) former Mansion, view *Prêt-à-Papier*, or try their hands at their own paper fashion by crafting paper shoes in the style of de Borchgrave with colorful ribbons and gems. A night of art and paper wouldn't be complete without the art of origami, led by the [Japan Information and Cultural Center](#). [Mosaic Cuisine & Café](#) will provide tastes of sweet and savory Belgian style waffles. Guests can purchase international delights at the Belgian beer garden.

Tickets and General Information

Guests with VIP access will enjoy advance access to Hillwood from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Complete with a red carpet welcome, VIP attendees will enjoy a private viewing of *Prêt-à-Papier* and a private reception with a complimentary glass of champagne and white wine.

WHEN: September 22
6:30-9:30 p.m.
5:30-6:30 is exclusive access for VIP guests

WHERE: [Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens](#)
4155 Linnean Avenue, Washington, DC

PRICE: VIP \$50 (only available in advance)
Advance:
\$30, \$25 for Hillwood, Art Soiree and AFDC members and students
At the door:
\$35, \$30 Hillwood, Art Soiree and AFDC members and students

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Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens

Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens is Washington, DC's most gracious cultural attraction. The grand mansion, breathtaking gardens, exquisite art collection, engaging programming, and delightful café offer something special for every season. Marjorie Merriweather Post's spectacular estate and gardens, as well as one of the finest Russian art collections in the world, offer each visitor the opportunity to be immersed in a tranquil world of beauty. An engaging and welcoming respite from one's daily life located right in the city's own backyard, Hillwood is a true treasure for all who experience it.

The Alliance Française de Washington

The Alliance Française is the largest network of French language and cultural centers in the world. Founded in 1949, the Alliance Française de Washington (AFDC) is dedicated to providing comprehensive French language learning experiences for all ages through a multifaceted approach that promotes cultural exchange, dialogue, and appreciation of Francophone culture. To complement its courses, the AFDC offers an extensive multimedia, multilingual library and a rich variety of event programming for children and adults. For more information visit www.francedc.org

Art Soiree

Founded in September 2009 by two ambitious art lovers, Art Soiree's goal has been to showcase emerging talent in the visual arts, short film, music, literature and performance art. With a mission to cultivate a greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of art in its many forms through production of multiple art events Art Soiree has become DC's premier artist publicist.

www.theartsoiree.com