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## **CHRISTIAN SIRIANO**

Mentor, "Project Runway"

Award-winning CFDA designer Christian Siriano has established himself as a tour de force in the fashion world since launching his eponymous collection in 2008 following his studies in London under Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen. Siriano's designs have been worn by today's biggest names, including former first ladies Dr. Jill Biden and Michelle Obama, former Vice President Kamala Harris, Angelina Jolie, Oprah, Zendaya, Ariana Grande, Julianne Moore, Lady Gaga, Tiffany Haddish, Billy Porter, Cardi B, Whoopi Goldberg, Julia Roberts and Jennifer Coolidge, to name but a few.

Having just marked the brand's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Siriano Design Studio continues celebrating beauty and diversity in this ever-changing fashion industry. As a result, Siriano's work has been featured in a multitude of prestigious museum exhibits, including his first-ever solo work retrospective titled "Christian Siriano: People Are People" at SCAD in Savannah and Atlanta, respectively, as well as The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. He's also contributed pieces to Kensington Palace's largest exhibition to date titled "Crown to Couture," the "Fashioning Masculinities: The Art of Menswear" exhibition at the V&A South Kensington, "Grit to Glamour" at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and The MET Costume Institute where he broke a Met Gala record for having three separate looks featured in the 2021 exhibit "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion." Siriano himself was also named among Time's "100 Most Influential People" in 2018 for his leading contributions to body diversity on the runway and red carpet, was a member of Forbes' class of 2015 "30 Under 30," and was the youngest person to ever appear on Crain's "40 Under 40" list at age 24.

Apart from his thriving fashion empire, Siriano is the host and mentor for the hit television series "Project Runway" and recently added bestselling author ("Dresses to Dream About"; "Dresses to Dream About: Deluxe Edition") and interior designer (Siriano Interiors) to his impressive list of credits. Last spring, he launched the second collection in his furniture line, and this past fall, he released a new book called "Christian Siriano: The New Red Carpet."

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