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This month the Couture Council of The Museum at FIT honors Carolina Herrera Creative Director Wes Gordon in a jubilant celebration of New York fashion.

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"As we emerge from a uniquely difficult period, we're happy to celebrate the reawakening of New York fashion," says Valerie Steele, director and chief curator of The Museum at FIT. "Wes [Gordon] stays true to the heritage of Carolina Herrera while adding his own joyful flair." This month, the Couture Council of The Museum at FIT (fitnyc.edu) will honor Gordon, creative director of Carolina Herrera (carolinaherrera.com), with its 2021 Couture Council Award for Artistry of Fashion.

Accolades are not new for Gordon, who previously was awarded Fashion Group International's Rising Star Award and was a finalist for the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund. Today, as creative director for Carolina Herrera he is helping the brand celebrate its 40th anniversary with an homage to NYC. "His achievements in fashion are outstanding, and he is a wonderful role model for emerging designers, including our own students," says Joyce F. Brown, president of FIT.

"I'm honored to be recognized," says Gordon. "This recognition, combined with the reemergence of New York Fashion Week and Carolina Herrera's ongoing 40th anniversary celebration, is going to make this fall one to never forget."

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