

Grounding Our Silhouette

“How are those trousers, inflated and extraverted in form, actually wearable?” - The flamboyant nature of our wide-span, sculptural silhouette is often confronted with this question.

For Chapter Two, Harri journeyed into a tactile exploration between the boundaries of wearable art and garments. This collection represents a turning point where the concept of performance is disseminated, collaging layers of culture, craftsmanship and identity into the fabrication of a newly refined and accessible silhouette.

Movement embeds itself into the individual seams, cuts and patterns. Crafted overseas in Southern India, Jaipur, and New Delhi, finding its home in London. The curvaceous balloon forms are now articulated through new textures and fibres, adding tactility as Harri’s signature.

This presentation was created in collaboration with the creative KK Obi (founder of Boy Brother Friend). Harri and KK share a collective fascination with observing contemporary culture, from a multidisciplinary viewpoint, combining performance and immersive storytelling. Throughout the process, the notion of “Life is a Cabaret” resonated between the styling and creative direction, introducing a vivacious expression of campness, creativity and hyper-performance.

Synthesising the production is Sarathy Korwar’s polyrhythmic single ‘Utopia Is A Colonial Project’ fused with Indo-futuristic undertones. Amplifying elements from the collection, the ecstatic formation of sound mirrors Harri’s experimentation into implementing further colour into his designs alongside working with new collaborators.

In an age of hyper-performativity, this collection encourages the wearer to find greater liberation and lightness. Through intersecting alternative ways of seeing into the performance of everyday living, Harri makes room for greater play, challenging the status-quo and world around us.

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Harri KS is an Indian born artist and designer based in London. In 2020 he graduated from the Menswear MA at London College of Fashion with a collection entitled Let's Put Him in a Vase, which quickly became an internet sensation. The same year he was awarded the PRACTICAL INTELLIGENT GENIUS FOUNDATION prize, an award established by the Danish designer Henrik Vibskov as a means of nurturing creative talent and to help designers financially proceed with their work. Harri KS is a BFC NEWGEN recipient for 2022/23.

Creative Direction

KK Obi

Music

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Casting

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Production

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Make up

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