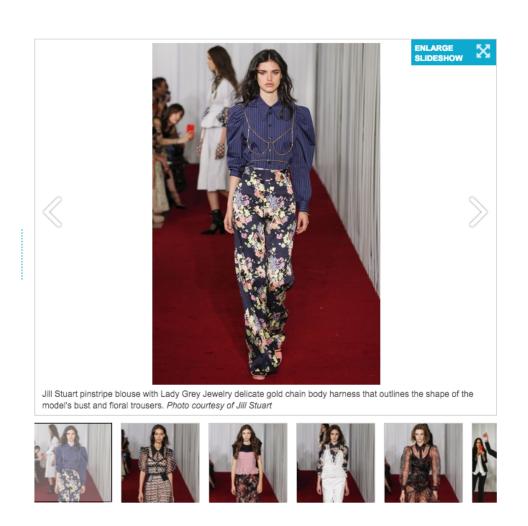


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Jill Stuart celebrates 25 years of flower power with a rock 'n' roll attitude

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esigner Jill Stuart celebrated her 25th year in the fashion business by reimagining looks from her archives in new ways during New York Fashion Week. Long known for bright florals, Stuart took a more abstract tone in creating a botanical garden of earthly delights for her spring/summer 2018 collection.

It features impressionistic-looking silk organza dresses, wide-legged trousers, short skirts, and blouses in soft florals shaded from orange to pink to blue for an ultra-feminine look. Stuart also features some kicky black-and-white polka-dot styles in sheer tulle on the runway and on the front row, where actress Chloë Sevigny was outfitted in a similar look.

Blue pinstripes and lace also dot the collection, with looks accessorized with jewelry from Jill Martinelli and Sabine Le Guyader, co-founders of Lady Grey Jewelry. Their most eye-catching pieces include a delicate gold chain body harness that outlines the shape of the model's bust and an arm cuff attached to bangles by a chain.

The jewelry, along with fishnet ankle socks, platform sandals, and sheer dotted gloves, made for a rock 'n' roll vibe in tune with the psychedelic rock band Psychic Ills, who played a live set during the runway show.

To commemorate the anniversary, the walls were dotted with photographs of model Tasha Tilberg, the face of Stuart's first ad campaign in the early '90s, wearing original designs, by noted photographer Rob Kulisek. Tilberg, 38, was in the audience as well, looking smart in a Stuart-designed studded cream-colored dress, proving that the designer continues to appeal to a cross section of stylish women.