

HAUTE COUTURE FW 24-25

AN ENCHANTED SERENADE

An ethereal melody softly rises and delicately drifts, like a cool mist through the twilight air. Every musical phrase whispers AN ENCHANTED SERENADE to evoke the goddess among the stars. Rich with the *dusha* (soul) of Slavic artistry and surreal fantasy, ELIE SAAB harmonizes opulent textures and majestic airs to compose the HAUTE COUTURE FALL/WINTER 2024 collection - a gothic song of shadow and light that carries the imagination to realms of marvelous splendor.

The entrancing tune weaves into a captivating spectacle of strikingly sleek silhouettes that dance with abstract motifs and the bold earthly tones of *khokhloma*. In long leather gloves, the enigmatic goddess conducts the music into atmospheres of soft velvet and glistening ocean blue. Shimmering beads and gold lurex embroidery intricately intertwine across strapless bustiers, like elaborated wood arches of ancient pagan temples. Resonant ruby organza ripple and wave into voluminous mermaid tales, while black satin cascades into sumptuous blossoming lapels that unfold like layers of matryoshka dolls. With a strong gesture of her hand, she commands the melodious tune to flutter from blackberry to orchid ostrich plumes.

As the mystic nocturne reaches a crescendo, silver sequins shimmer in a nightly ombre which reflect her ephemeral presence with every sparkle of the moon. Long stoles in wispy pearl ostrich feathers outline the glistening constellations of her tulle skin. The melody lingers and the refrain starts to fade into silence; she begins to dissipate into a haze of cream lace, leaving behind a lingering sense of wonder.

As her celestial dance transcends an earthly perception, the ENCHANTED SERENADE draws to an end. She awaits the next harmonious song to summon her into the mystery and awe of ELIE SAAB HAUTE COUTURE FALL/WINTER 2024 collection