

Womenswear - "Paradise on Earth" skirt with top created within the framework of the In Circulation: Romani Design project

Contemporary Design Collection

Accession Nr.:	2021.518.1-2 
Artist/Maker:	Romani Design (2010 -) / fashion brand Varga, Erika / fashion designer
Manufacturer:	Romani Design
Date of production:	2021
Place of production:	Hungary; Budapest
Materials:	duchesse satin; lace
Techniques:	hand sewn; lined; machine sewn; unique printed pattern
Dimensions:	length (top): 53 cm shoulder width: 37,5 cm bust width: 48 cm sleeve length: 47,5 cm length (skirt): 118 cm waist width (skirt): 54,7 cm

The "Paradise on Earth" skirt with top was created as part of the exhibition series In Circulation, launched by the Contemporary Design Department in 2018. According to the concept, the invited designer will select an object or ensemble of objects from the collection of the Museum of Applied Arts, and will create a new design as inspired by the object(s). Our fifth invited artist in the series is Romani Design founded by Erika Varga and Helena Varga in 2010. The sisters chose a total of six art objects from the collections of the museum. It is not by chance that these are all devotional pictures depicting either the Virgin Mary or other female saints, which provided the inspiration for the designers to create six enchantingly richly patterned women's garments and coordinated accessories (see also [2021.515.1.](#); [2021.516.1-2.](#); [2021.517.1-2.](#); [2021.519.1.](#); [2021.520.1.](#); [2021.521.1.](#); [2021.522.1.](#)).

With this dress, the creators pay their respects to the traditional values they have inherited from their family. According to the beliefs of the designers, Paradise on Earth can come into our lives if we preserve the purity of our soul, which is visualised by the strips of white lace that traverse the traditional Roma rose motifs.

Literature

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