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**See Winterthur's *Costuming THE CROWN* Exhibition and
Revisit the Drama of Seasons 1 and 2 of the Netflix Hit Series *The Crown***

“It’s a royal treat—and something to tide us over until ... *The Crown* Season Three will stream.”
—*Newsweek*

Winterthur, DE, September 11, 2019— Before Netflix releases Season 3 of *The Crown* on November 17, fans can fall in love again with Seasons 1 and 2 with a visit to *Costuming THE CROWN* at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. The exhibition features 40 amazing costumes from the beloved dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and is on view through January 5, 2020.

From the dazzling gold of Queen Elizabeth’s coronation robe to the simple sophistication of Princess Margaret’s wedding dress, *Costuming THE CROWN*—the first global comprehensive exhibition of costumes from the first two seasons of the series—offers a look at how Emmy®- and BAFTA-winning designers Michele Clapton (Season 1) and Jane Petrie (Season 2) worked painstakingly to be authentic in the detailing of everything from King George’s medals and military ribbons to Queen Elizabeth’s iconic dresses for royal tours.

Critics have praised *Costuming THE CROWN* for its design and interpretation, and visitors agree:

“*Costuming THE CROWN* keeps it simple. If there’s one thing we learn in the Netflix series from which these 40 costumes have come, when history is at hand, royal dress—its mantles, sashes, stars, garters, dragons and crosses, gold bullion and braid—provides its own drama.”
—*The Wall Street Journal*

“Cases in the exhibit hold brilliant scepters, crowns, coronets and tiaras. Everything you might want to learn about who is allowed to wear each, and when, is set out in the exhibit’s wall text. Who knew, for example, that only married women wear tiaras?” –*The Washington Post*.

“With 40 different pieces from the show on display, the *Costuming THE CROWN* exhibit represents both a look at fashion history and design innovation.” –*phillymag.com*

Beginning with spectacle and pageantry, *Costuming THE CROWN* reveals everything from the majesty of royal crowns and tiaras to the private looks worn by the royal family in the quiet moments behind the palace doors. This intriguing exhibition explains the significance and importance of costume design to the story and provides a behind-the-scenes look at how costume design is used to complement riveting drama, re-create history, and define characters from the footmen to the queen.

Both costume designers featured in the exhibition won the Emmy® for Outstanding Period Costumes and the Costume Designers Guild Award for Excellence in Period Television for their work on the show— Michele Clapton in 2017 for Season 1 and Jane Petrie in 2018 for Season 2. The exhibition invites visitors to see the role the designers’ decisions played in creating costumes for Seasons 1 and 2 of this award-winning production.

The Crown, a Netflix Original series, produced by Left Bank Pictures in association with Sony Pictures Television, will return with a brand-new cast on November 17; Oscar-winning Olivia Colman is taking over from Claire Foy in the role of Queen Elizabeth II.

ABOUT WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN & LIBRARY

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