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Catwalk I De Helena Slicher trouwjurk 1759 - Rijksmuseum 2016

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Artist & Practice

Erwin Olaf's art explores the human experience through meticulously staged scenes. His distinctive aesthetic is highly stylized and perfectly polished, yet his work penetrates deep beneath a pretty facade. Instead, the heart of Olaf's work addresses social issues, taboos, and conventions, often through subtle or mysterious details.

Part of Olaf's Catwalk series, this work merges fashion and museum display, celebrating feminine form and spectacle in a historical context. Commissioned by Rijksmuseum, inspired by 17th– 18th c. Dutch fashion.

Collections: Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam; Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris; Museum Ludwig, Cologne. In March 2023, Erwin Olaf was awarded the Medal of Honor for Art and Science by the Dutch Royal Family. In honor of Olaf's lifetime activism for the right to self-expression and queer rights, the Erwin Olaf Foundation was founded in 2023.

This work comes from a private collection, Berlin

Provenance: Flatland Gallery