

*The Let Out: Ryan Cardoso & DJ Chappel*, Nov 7, 2023 – June 16, 2024

Commissioned by the RISD Museum, *The Let Out* activates contemporary fashion garments donated to the collection by Mark Pollack (RISD BFA 1976, Textiles). With the support of their team, Ryan Cardoso and DJ Chappel used this collection to style more than 40 characters. The resulting 8-foot by 21-foot banner presents a scene taking place at the end of a fashion event.

Ryan Cardoso: Creative director, photographer

DJ Chappel: Creative director, model

Rafael Taveras: Photo assistant

Shirla Auguste: Stylist

Charles Barbary: Stylist

Yolibel Gonzalez: Makeup artist

Rochelle Tina: Makeup artist

Terrell Villiers: Digital background artist

Atticus Bell: Digital editor

For the past three years, artists Ryan Cardoso and DJ Chappel have joined their practices in design and photography to expand on the rituals of religion. Their first offering, the documentary *A Different Type of Church*, uses mixed-media content including screen recordings, social media, and YouTube to narrate modern society's relationship with spirituality.

Cardoso explores portraiture through photography and film and its importance in archiving the elegance, domesticity, and relationships of life. He uses analogue photography as a means to exhibit the Black swagger. DJ Chappel is interested in the relationship between clothing and movement and its influence on character. He envisions himself as a future ancestor creating primary resources for upcoming generations of gay Black men.

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## CHECKLIST OF THE EXHIBITION

**Devina Miller, the Successful Artist:** \*Maison Martin Margiela x H&M  
2012 trompe l'oeil dress, Judy Turner headpiece.

Maison Martin Margiela, Belgian, established 1988, design house  
H&M, Swedish, established 1947, retailer  
*Dress, 2012*  
Rayon jersey knit, digitally printed  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2015.108**



**Fanny:** \*Balenciaga FW2016 dress, Dauan Jacari bobo heels.

Demna Gvasalia, Georgian, b. 1981, designer  
House of Balenciaga, Spanish, established 1937-ca. 1960; Paris; France,  
design house  
*Projection Short Dress, Fall 2016*  
Polyester, silk, modal, elastane, and viscose  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2017.25.3**



**Off-Duty Kate:** \*Christopher Kane FW2016 dress, Vibram sneakers.

Christopher Kane, Scottish, b. 1982, designer  
Christopher Kane, British, Established 2006, design house  
*Woman's Dress, Fall 2016*  
Felted wool on polyester and nylon lace  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2017.25.4**



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**Becky, the Booster:** \*Sacai FW2017 camouflage silk top and skirt, Marni studded belt, Telfar earrings, Dauan Jacari can-tab necklace, denim bag, slingsback kitten heels. (Probably stole all of it.)

Sacai, Japanese, established 1999, design house  
Chitose Abe, Japanese, b. 1965, designer  
*Top and skirt*, Fall/Winter 2017  
Silk plain weave with silk velvet trim  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2018.44.5ab**



**Kevon, Fresh off the Boat:** \*Walter Van Beirendonck FW2017 jacket, Thailand boxing shorts, checkered hat, Martine Rose snakeskin mules.

Walter van Beirendonck, Belgian, est. 1983, design house  
Walter van Beirendonck, Belgian, b. 1957, designer  
*Man's Jacket*, Fall/Winter 2017  
Polyester plain weave  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2018.44.6**



**Shirla:** \*Thom Browne FW2017 coat and wedges.

Thom Browne, American, established 2001; New York, design house  
Thom Browne, American, b. 1965, designer  
*Man's Coat*, Fall/Winter 2017  
Wool twill weave  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2018.44.7**



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**Vicky, International Fashion Student:** \*Missoni 2014 dress, Maison Martin Margiela Tabis.

Missoni, Italian, established 1953  
*Dress, 2014*  
97% rayon, 7% polyester, 2% nylon  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2019.35.1**



**Mrs. Amaya Edwards:** \*Thom Browne FW2011 wool jacket, Fauxberry kitten heels, engagement ring.

Thom Browne, American, b. 1965, designer  
Thom Browne, American, established 2001; New York, design house  
*Jacket, Fall/Winter 2011*  
Wool with silk lining  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2019.35.2**



**Chrome:** \*Lisa Anne Auerbach for Rudi Gernreich FW2018 sweater, Dauan Jacari skirt, Martine Rose mules.

Lisa Anne Auerbach, American, b. 1967, designer  
Rudi Gernreich, American, b. Austria, 1922-1985; Los Angeles; New York City, manufacturer  
*Sweater, Fall 2018*  
73% rayon, 27% polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2019.35.4**



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**Stephanie, the Baddie:** \*Comme des Garçons SS2019 pants, Dion Lee tank top, faux MM6 bag, Raen sunglasses, fuzzy slippers.

Comme des Garçons, Japanese, established 1969, design label  
Rei Kawakubo, Japanese, b. 1942 in Tokyo, Japan; lives and works in  
Tokyo, designer  
*Pants*, Spring/Summer 2019  
Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2020.5.1b**



**Dry-Cleaning Woman:** \*Maison Martin Margiela SS2019 dress, Miu Miu wedges.

Maison Martin Margiela, Belgian, established 1988, design house  
John Galliano, British, b. 1960 in Gibraltar; lives and works in London,  
designer  
*Dress*, Spring/Summer 2019  
Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2020.5.2**



**Miriam Abrahams:** \*Sacai SS2019 dress, Issey Miyake socks, Comme des Garçons x Salomon sneakers.

Sacai, Japanese, established 1999, design house  
Chitose Abe, Japanese, b. 1965, designer  
*Dress*, Spring 2019  
Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2020.5.3**



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**Frida Anderson:** \*JW Anderson FW2020 dress, Shirla Auguste bespoke crochet headpiece, rosary, Our Legacy bag.

JW Anderson, London, UK, established 2008, design house  
Jonathan Anderson, Northern Irish, b. 1984, designer  
*Dress*, Fall/Winter 2020  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.7.1**



**@digitalpersonality:** \*Dries Van Noten FW2020 cropped embroidered jacket, I.AIM.GIA mini skirt, Rainbow ballet flats, Dauan Jacari lace-front wig.

Dries Van Noten, Belgian, established 1986, Antwerp, design house  
Dries Van Noten, Belgian, b. 1958 in Anvers, Belgium, designer and creative director  
*Women's Jacket*, Fall/Winter 2020  
Polyester and silk jacquard weave embellished with sequins, beads, and goldwork (gilt metal threads) embroidery  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.7.2**



**Old Head:** \*Valentino SS2020 shirt, American Eagle cargo shorts, gas-station shades, Air Jordan 1s.

Valentino, Italian, Rome; Paris; Milan; London, design house  
Pierpaolo Piccioli, Italian, b. 1967, designer and creative director  
*Men's shirt*, Spring/Summer 2020  
Polyester and silk jacquard weave embellished with sequins, beads, and goldwork (gilt metal threads) embroidery  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.7.3**



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**Cici Baynes:** \*Zimmerman 2018/2021 paisley dress, Chloe cock belt, William Rust jeans, Rocket Dog clogs.

Zimmermann, Sydney, Australia, established 1991, design house  
Simone Zimmermann, Australia, creative director  
Nicky Zimmermann, Australian  
*Dress*, 2018/2020  
Digitally printed silk plain weave  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.10.2**



**Elijah Abrahams:** \* Sacai SS2020 trench jumpsuit.

Sacai, Japanese, established 1999, design house  
Chitose Abe, Japanese, b. 1965, designer and creative director  
*"Trench Coat" Jumpsuit*, Spring/Summer 2020  
Cotton, polyester, wool, nylon  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.10.4**



**Shananon, the Gallerist:** \*Lena Lumelsky SS2020 silk dress, Paco Rabanne chain belt, Apple watch, BCBG pony-hair heels.

Lena Lumelsky, Antwerp, established 2008, design house  
Lena Lumelsky, Ukrainian, designer and creative director  
*Daveney Dress*, Spring/Summer 2020  
Silk and elastane  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.10.5**



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**Whatever Helps:** \*Akris Punto FW2019 coat, Dauan Jacari bag, distressed jeans, aluminum Timberlands.

Akris Punto, Swiss, 1922, design label  
Akris, Swiss, 1922, design house  
*Women's Coat*, Fall/Winter 2019  
Polyester jacquard weave; cupro lining  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.10.7**



**Raven:** \*Junya Watanabe 2017 jacket.

Comme des Garçons, Japanese, established 1969, design house  
Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961, design label  
Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961, designer  
*Rain jacket/cape*, 2017  
Nylon coated with polyurethane resin  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.10.8**



**Deli Jawn:** \*Dries Van Noten FW2020 jacket, Dauan Jacari skirt, Adidas slides.

Dries Van Noten, Belgian, established 1986, Antwerp  
*Woman's beaded bomber*, FW2020  
Outershell: cotton, polyamide, wool, metallic polyester. Lining: silk  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.49.4**



**Statue of Liberty:** \*Y/Project FW2019 dress/coat.

Y/Project, Paris, established 2010  
*Dress/coat*, Fall/Winter 2019  
Polyester woven  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.49.5**



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**Undercover Art Critic:** \*Junya Watanabe SS2021 jacket, Issey Miyake pleated hat, Maximilian Davis jeans.

Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961  
*Woman's coat*, Spring/Summer 2021  
Wool, polyester, cupra  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.49.8**



**Star Runner:** \*Oakley ca. 2015 windbreaker, Dauan Jacari hat, Dior shades, A5 Memobottle, Y-3 heels.

Oakley, American, established 1975  
*Man's jacket*, ca. 2015  
Metallic Woven & Iridescent lame with large-hole mesh  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2021.49.9**



**Rihanna:** \*Junya Watanabe SS2021 trench coat, Syro platform boot, Paris hat, tube top, mini skirt, Betty Boop coin purse.

Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961  
*Women's motorcycle jacket/trench coat*, Spring/Summer 2021  
Cotton plain weave with polyester sequin embellishment; plastic buckle; metal zippers; mother-of-pearl buttons  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.7.4**



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**Ice Princess:** \*Cecilie Bahnsen SS2021 top, Super Yaya pants, Maryam Nassir Zadeh tie-up heels.

Cecilie Bahnsen, Copenhagen, established 2015, design label  
Cecilie Bahnsen, Danish, b. 1986, designer  
*Connor Top (Plethora Patchwork) (blouse)*, Spring/Summer 2021  
Polyester, polyamide, cotton  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.7.8**



**Fatima, the Widow:** \*Balenciaga SS2021 ruffled blouse, pencil skirt, lip bag, headscarf.

Balenciaga, French, 1937, design label  
Demna Gvasalia, Georgian, b. 1981, designer  
*Women's blouse*, Spring/Summer 2021  
Polyester plain weave  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.7.9**



**Loosey:** \*Noir Kei Ninomiya SS2021 dress, bonnet, paw slippers.

Noir Kei Ninomiya, Japanese, 2012, design label  
Kei Ninomiya, Japanese, b. 1984 in Japan; lives and works in Tokyo, designer  
*Dress*, Spring/Summer 2021  
Acetate plain weave with polyester batting; quilted  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.7.10**



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**Fazo, the Plug:** \*Walter Van Beirendonck FW2021 sweatsuit, Gucci sunglasses, Jansport bookbag, Comme des Garçons x Nike Foamposites.

Walter van Beirendonck, Belgian, b. 1957, designer  
Walter van Beirendonck, Belgian, est. 1983, design label  
*Men's sweatsuit (hoodie sweatshirt and pants)*, Fall/Winter 2021  
Printed cotton machine knit  
100% Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.46.3.ab**



**Server Boy X:** \*Kiko Kostadinov FW2021 ensemble, Alan Crocetti ear cuffs, vintage Italian leather shoes.

Kiko Kostadinov, Bulgarian, b. 1989; London, designer  
Kiko Kostadinov, established 2017; London, design label  
*Women's ensemble (blouse and pants)*, Fall/Winter 2021  
Polyester and wool; cotton lining  
100% Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.46.4ab**



**Commit:** \*Noir Kei Ninomiya SS2022 dress, Shirla Auguste bespoke crochet headpiece, Dauan Jacari x Converse All Star shoes.

Kei Ninomiya, Japanese, b. 1984 in Japan; lives and works in Tokyo, designer  
Noir Kei Ninomiya, Japanese, Tokyo, 2012-present, design label  
*Dress*, Spring/Summer 2022  
Synthetic leather; ribbon lacing; cupro lining  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.46.8**



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**Tobi:** \*Dries Van Noten SS2022 jacket, Vibram shoes, Bernhard Willhelm x Linda Farrow sunglasses.

Dries Van Noten, Belgian, b. 1958 in Anvers, Belgium, designer  
Dries Van Noten, Belgian, established 1986, Antwerp, design label  
*Coat*, Spring/Summer 2022  
Digitally printed polyester; viscose lining  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2022.46.9**



**Auntie Kelly Green:** \*Junya Watanabe SS2022 floral dress, Balenciaga wedges, Prada sunglasses, Damien Ajavon woven bag.

Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961, designer  
Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. Tokyo, design label  
*Dress*, Spring/Summer 2022  
Printed cotton  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2023.4.2**



**Displaced Boy:** \*Lovember SS2022 Homocamo shorts, Cactus Plant Flea Market x Nike Dunks, Shiesty mask, Telfar button shirt and duffle bag.

Charles Jeffrey, b. 1990; lives and works in London, creative director  
Lovember, 2017, London, design label  
*Men's shorts*, Spring/Summer 2022  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2023.4.3b**



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**Klynn Yagger:** \*Junya Watanabe FW2022 patchwork coat, Vivienne Westwood shirt, Shirla Auguste bespoke crochet headpiece, Dauan Jacari wide-brim hat.

Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. 1961, designer  
Junya Watanabe, Japanese, b. Tokyo, design label  
*Patchwork coat*, Autumn/Winter 2022  
Wool patchwork  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2023.4.5**



**Charles:** \*Comme des Garçons SS2022 coat, Haider Ackermann socks, Air Jordan 13s.

Rei Kawakubo, Japanese, b. 1942 in Tokyo, Japan; lives and works in Tokyo, designer  
Comme des Garçons, Japanese, established 1969, design label  
*Coat*, Spring/Summer 2022  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2023.4.6**



**Yaz, the Jealous Friend:** \*Christopher John Rogers FW2022 or 2023 rainbow-striped dress, Dauan Jacari bobo bag and heels.

Christopher John Rogers, American, b. 1993; New York, NY, designer  
Christopher John Rogers, American, 2016, New York, design label  
*Dress*, Pre-Fall 2022, Autumn/Winter 2022 or Resort 2023  
Viscose rayon stretch knit  
Gift of Mark Pollack **2023.4.7**



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**DJ Happy Fun:** \*Undercover FW2022 cropped bomber jacket, American Eagle cargo shorts, Peter Do boots, Dior shades.

Undercover, established 1990, Tokyo, design label  
Jun Takahashi, b. 1969, Kiryū, Japan, designer  
*Cropped bomber jacket*, Fall 2022  
Polyester, polyurethane; acrylic and wool rib knit trim  
Gift of Mark Pollack 2023.75.6



**Mr. Ase Edwards:** \*Comme des Garçons FW2019/SS2020 double-arm blazer, Dries Van Noten striped pants, Tom Ford glasses, vintage Italian leather shoes, engagement ring.

Comme des Garçons, Japanese, established 1969, design label  
Rei Kawakubo, Japanese, b. 1942 in Tokyo, Japan; lives and works in Tokyo, designer  
*Women's jacket*, Fall 2019 or Spring 2020  
Polyester  
Gift of Mark Pollack 2023.75.8



**Sequen:** \*Versace ca. 2018 blouse, Maximilian Davis dress, Dauan Jacari bobo bag, Martine Rose x Nike Shox.

Versace (Italian), design house  
Donatella Versace (Italian, b. 1955), designer  
Donatella Versace (Italian, b. 1955), artistic director  
*Blouse/Shirt*, ca. 2018  
Printed silk plain weave  
Gift of Mark Pollack 2021.7.5

