

JOHANNES WARNKE



MURMELSPIEL

Johannes Warnke is a German multidisciplinary womenswear designer based in London. After graduating from the Fashion Course at Central Saint Martins in 2020, his work has been worn by the likes of Björk, Lady Gaga, Grimes, Griff and Post Malone to name a few. Warnke's work is signified by an ambient aura, sustainable processes and sculptural couture dresses draped from hand-dyed cruelty free silk and deadstock fabrics.

MURMELSPIEL is complex in construction and effortless in expression, representing a journey of colour, playfulness, and movement. During a recent home visit to Germany, Warnke rediscovered objects that have fascinated him since childhood: marble games, mundane garden sculptures, a collection of vintage glass vases and a box with dance clothing. The collection expresses a fascination for the idea that although our preferences in what we like and don't like change over the course of our life, our predilections as a child then later play a role in our desires throughout our adult life.

Warnke's collections combine philosophical considerations around embodied perception and the visual emphasis on colour and shape. From a small village in Germany, Warnke's experience of being surrounded by brutalist architecture was in conjunction with a refined education in dance and fine arts.

The emotive yet raw energy characterised by 90s women of rock and soul, such as Fiona Apple, PJ Harvey and Erykah Badu, was an inspiration to the collection's expression, accompanied by the delicacy of playful glass objects; inspired by objects and music that has resonated with Warnke since his younger years.

Continuity is explored through the gathered drapes that loop back into each other, embodying the spirals, curves and organic shapes found in sculptures; which were juxtaposed with sliced garments and manoeuvred predictability of the drapes to represent the break of societal norms and cycles.



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