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# Fausto Puglisi Will Not Present On The Runway, Will Host Theatrical Event During Milan Fashion Week

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**Fausto Puglisi** presented a successful men's show in **Florence** during **Pitti Immagine Uomo**, now he is ditching the runway this month to unveil his **Spring 2017 women's collection** with an innovative, more captivating format.

*"My very first Milan collection in 2011 was shown in tableaux so I could personally talk about my thoughts and design,"* **Puglisi** said to **WWD**. On September 21, he will present his latest lineup at the **Derby Theater** in **Milan**, according to **WWD**.

*"Pitti Uomo took my heart back to those beginnings and I am challenged to create a concept relevant for today and my new women's collection."*

In collaboration with **Armando Punzo**, artistic director of **Compagnia della Fortezza**, a theater company based inside **Volterra's** prison, **Puglisi** said he *"worked on something which is between a theater piece and a fashion presentation, to give those attending space and time to absorb the beauty and the horror of my region [Sicily] in order to inaugurate a new way, more honest, to talk about clothes."*

Inspired by his summer spent between the **Apulia** and his native **Sicily**, **Puglisi** said that, along with **Punzo**, he *"tried to find a synthesis to many of the elements that I daily use to build my collections: the obsession for the Catholic and Ancient Greek aesthetic, the maximalist sense of luxury typical of Southern Italy, but also the magnetic attraction toward bad taste and the expression of visual excess."* *The designer also revealed that his collection will celebrate women's beauty and power. "To me every woman can be a goddess. I thought about a shrine in whichever woman becomes such a goddess — like Minerva: powerful, immortal and fearless. And of course, beautiful in her own way,"* **Puglisi** said.

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