Florence Fashion Design Students Show 'Transformation'

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Yoon's intricate design impressed the judges and her peers.

On April 18, under the aegis of FIT International Programs in Florence, 14 students graduating with AAS degrees staged a fashion show on the theme of "Transformation." Per Italian tradition, students donned laurel wreaths to receive their certificates.

Resident Director

Madeleine Kaplan tasked
them to consider "how we

each have such diverse histories/roots that connect us, yet

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Students created journals, developed mood boards, and envisioned collections from which they each constructed one garment from greige muslin embellished with minimal secondary fabrics.

Korean-American student Phoebe Yoon's hyperasymmetrical jacket with irregular trim and traditional Korean symbols (pictured above left) showed her heritage, woven into every aspect of her life. The exceptional garment won both the Judges' Choice and People's Choice awards.

Montana native Anna
Hudson evoked
Western influences via
her contemporary
minidress (pictured at
right) decorated with
small mirrors, coupled
with a fringed jacket
with cutouts that
exposed the mirrors.



Hudson's fringed jacket exposed her mirrored minidress.

Rather than spending weekends traveling, students dedicated

themselves to local culture and their work. "We're very proud of the quality they achieved in their second year, at 19 years old, while studying abroad," says Kaplan. Yasemin Jones, vice president of Academic Affairs, flew in to celebrate their achievements.

The following slideshow of photos by Patrizio Marcocci offers a glimpse into the celebratory day, held at Villa Favard, the

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