SCARECROWS

The idea was to start the year in a fitting way. This series of photographs by Estelle Hanania, styled by Léopold Duchemin, presents the inaugural project facing the first-year costume design students at the Paul Poiret school in Paris when they were fresh out of high school. The scarecrow, *l'épouvantail* in French, could be the ultimate costume. It's designed to be an instrument of horror (and being asked to work with a straw bale can be quite scary for an eighteen year old). The scarecrow speaks for, and stands by, itself. However, the students left a corridor of empty space in the midst of their chaff effigies to welcome the performer Helena de Laurens, bringing the straw, nets and bundles to life as characters.

— Zoé Wirgin

All works by costume design students from the Paul Poiret school in Paris



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Worn by HELENA DE LAURENS

