

With Love Halston Fashion Scholarship Special Award 15/10/2024, 11.30h, IED Barcelona

Speech by Dr. Laura Cornejo Senior Curator at the Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation

Good morning, everyone, and Congratulations to all the finalists.

On behalf of The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation, it is with great pleasure that I join you here today to present the With Love Halston Fashion Scholarship Special Award at the Istituto Europeo di Design in Barcelona.

This award recognizes the creativity and innovative spirit of emerging designers in the fashion industry and celebrates how With Love Halston and the Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation have come together to promote the work of young talents through scholarships.

This prize is also honoring the artistic collaboration between two design icons - jewelry designer Elsa Peretti and fashion designer Halston- whose work together includes the iconic teardrop-shaped bottle of Halston perfume, and the historic fashion show known as "The Battle of Versailles" in 1973.

This award highlights their exceptional contributions, their creative relationship based on mutual admiration and irreplaceable influence, as well as their significant impact on the history of design.

Both With Love Halston and The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation are dedicated to deepening the understanding of Halston and Elsa Peretti's legacy so that their work ethics and aesthetics continue to inspire the new generations of artists and designers.

In addition, The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation supports other philanthropic projects around the world in domains including the Environment, Animal Welfare and Human Rights, along with many other projects that celebrate Elsa Peretti's enduring commitment to design, art, and cultural philanthropy.

Without further ado, the With Love Halston Fashion Scholarship Special Award goes to Virginia Ceruti.