



BEST IN SHOW

GRAND RETOUR

By Maggie Meskhi

Embroiderer Lesage's sequins shimmered on the Hamburgian runway like a turquoise lagoon.

Goossens provided an array of jeweled cabochon brooches, sparkling crystal bows and pearl shoulder straps, while Maison Michel's nautical tweed caps—worn by every model in the show—were an absolute showstopper. These were just a few of **Chanel's**

incredible 11 atelier partners in last year's Métiers d'Art collection, which finally makes its return to NYC this month for the first time in 12 years. With

his annual Métiers d'Art shows, Karl Lagerfeld, Chanel's creative director, aims to honor superior craftsmanship and artisanal glamour. The highly anticipated event, this year on Dec. 4, always takes place outside the standard fashion week schedules and changes locations year after year. For the 2015-16 season, Lagerfeld brought fashion elites to Rome with a cinematic theme. Two years ago, he took over the Ritz Paris and put a modern spin on the '20s.

Last year, he took it home to Hamburg and paid homage to the city's sailors, subsequently winning a standing ovation from a star-studded crowd. This year's show at The Met will be New York's third time hosting since the collection's inception. Lagerfeld says the city holds a special place in his heart due to its light and energy, as well as for its recognition and earliest celebration of Gabrielle Chanel's revolutionary style. *1000 Fifth Ave., chanel.com*



RETAIL RAP

BURNING BRIGHTER As the days grow short and holiday shopping lists grow longer, staying energized after a workout can be a challenge. Enter fitness club **Equinox's** newest collaboration with **Uma Oils**, which yielded a limited-edition candle and a collection of all-organic wellness oils to promote balance and regeneration. Designed to turn any space into a sanctuary of mindful relaxation, the Pure Recovery Wellness Candle (\$68, shown here) features a blend of eucalyptus, sandalwood and lavender. For a more hands-on approach, the Pure Recovery signature Equinox blend collection of wellness oils (\$45) is intended for post-workout application to the body's pulse points. The oils immerse the user in an aromatherapeutic experience that resets the mind and restores the body. The collection features five distinct varieties—Calm, Energy, Bliss, Rest and the Equinox-exclusive Recovery. With this suite that aids everything from anxiety to nighttime restlessness, holiday stress can evaporate away. *1 Park Ave., uma oils.com —Christian DeVerger*

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