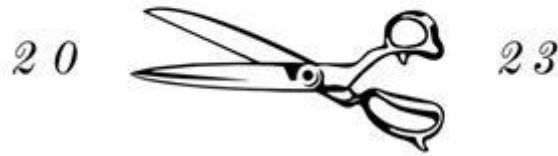


GOLDEN SHEARS



Golden Shears Final 2023, held on Monday **20th March 2023** at the Merchant Taylors' Hall.

Golden Shears celebrates the next generation of UK tailoring and fashion talent. Every two years it hosts a competition that brings together the very best fashion students and apprentice tailors from around the country to showcase their creative and technical excellence.

From over 70 entries, 22 are selected on technical merit to go through to the final and be judged by a celebrity style panel awarding three trophies on the night:

1st prize **The Golden Shears** and £3,000 awarded to
Mila Dastugue, The Wimbledon College of Arts

2nd prize **The Silver Shears** and £2,500 awarded to
Victoria Demekhina, The Tailoring Academy

3rd prize **The Rising Star** and £2,000
Imogen Pike, The Wimbledon College of Arts

Founded in 1974 by Robert Bright, MBE, the Golden Shears have been called “The Oscars of the Tailoring World” by national media and draws keen interest across the UK tailoring and fashion trade. Applicants are either apprentices with a tailoring company or university/college students on a tailoring course. All have to demonstrate excellence in both their design and tailoring skills and be vetted by their master or course leader.

Participating colleges and companies

Anderson & Sheppard	Savile Row Academy
London College of Fashion, UAL	The Tailoring Academy
Cosprop	The University of Sunderland
Inkberrow design centre (IDC College)	University for the Creative Arts Rochester
Leeds Arts University	Wimbledon College of the Arts, UAL
Morgan and Fenwick	

The Technical Judges are:

Joe Morgan, Chittleborough & Morgan
Dario Canera, Huntsman
Victoria Townsend, The London Academy of Bespoke
Juan Carlos Benito, Hackett
Davide Taub, Gieves & Hawkes

The Style Judges are:

Kirby Allison
Tony Gaziano
Harry Jarman
Hilary Whitehall
Michael Whitehall

The evening will be **hosted** by Nick Hewer

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“In 1974, the late Robert Bright MBE, the then President of the Federation of Merchant Tailors, founded the Golden Shears Competition for the best tailor in the UK. He sought the support of the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors, who in agreeing their involvement, asked him to design the trophy. The trophy is the Golden Shears, a pair of traditional cutting shears mounted on mahogany. The shears are used by cutters and tailors and the mahogany represents the benches on which they work. The Golden Shears were first awarded to the top tailor in the country, whose clothes, using non-professional models, were judged for fit, style, and suitability to the wearer as well as the skills of cutting and tailoring. After many successful competitions, the trade and the Company decided to support craft training by awarding the Golden Shears to the business with the best training record. Marks were awarded according to each trainee’s City & Guilds examination results and the tailoring firm with the highest overall score received the Golden Shears. In 1998, the Company and the trade, in their wider support of education and training, decided that the Golden Shears would focus on students on dedicated tailoring courses, and trainees in industry. Two pairs of Silver Shears were added as trophies, which were awarded for the second prize and the ‘Rising Star’. The three winners also receive generous cash prizes. Tonight you will see great skills of hand. The very definition of skill is the application of memory, intelligence and imagination to the task. So please prepare to be excited! Over the years the competition has been widely supported and this year’s contest is again being supported by the Merchant Taylors’ Company and the CAPITB Trust, generously aided by the Woolmen Company and The Pollen Estate. The competition also receives invaluable assistance from the London College of Fashion and the University of the Arts London. The Golden Shears Committee thank all their past and present supporters and look forward to welcoming new supporters for 2023.”

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Chairman of Golden Shears

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