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Lee Klabin celebrates British Couture: Behind the scenes

Lee Klabin launched her S/S11 Couture Collection entitled 'Doll House' with a short film presentation by Perry Curties and an installation at The Horse Hospital on 19th January 2011. Embracing their collaborative efforts, the Lee Klabin brand celebrates the decadence and craftsmanship of British Couture.

In a mischievous twist into accidental alluring femininity, Lee Klabin turns the traditional Victorian dollhouse on its head. Revealing the dolls' dark alter egos, Klabin creates a 'Tim Burton' inspired detour from the purity and innocence of the dollhouse.

Each of the six hand-crafted couture pieces, embody a different twisted state of mind, shifting between the good and evil that coars through every woman. Gigi and Sophia, the residents of the Doll House, are embraced with pieces that express their evolving and deteriorating emotions throughout the film.

Gigi opens the first scene wearing 'Dressel' in porcelain pure oyster organza, sculpted and distressed with dark channels of boning swiveling round her. In the next scene, Sophia wears 'Proeschild' in antiqued peach organza sectioned with wooden panels, tapping into the controlled puppetry of the atmosphere. In contrast is Gigi's second dress, the transparent boned striped organza dress 'Pugin,' followed by the shredded and disheveled white silk gazaar 'Huret' dress worn next by Sophia. Entering into the film's climax, 'Hertwig' is a twisted and disoriented corseted bodysuit, scarred with the abrasions of slashes and stitches. 'Bohme,' the Couture collection's finale piece, features hand crafted metallic screws, nuts and bolts, that magnetize this piece as the all-controlling dress it has become.

Doll House translates Lee Klabin's inspiration, haunting and exciting the viewer's deep imagination whilst still acknowledging the presence of Couture as a form of art to be celebrated in London.

Lee Klabin will next be launching her A/W 2011 Ready to Wear Collection 'Forbidden Forest' during London Fashion Week's On|Off in February.

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Dressel



Proeschild



Pugin



Huret



Hertwig



Bohme