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Above and below: Models wear creations for the Dior, Jil Sander, Louis Vuitton and Rains fall-winter 22/23 men's collections, in Paris, Friday, Jan. 21. (AP)

Sander is minimalist

Dior reconstructs Paris in a spectacular show

PARIS, Jan. 22. (AP) — Dior took over Paris' iconic Place de la Concorde for a menswear show Friday whose theme was none other than the city of Paris itself.

Inside an annex, fashion editors joined a front row including Naomi Campbell to marvel at the heritage house's spectacular decor. It created a near-life size Parisian bridge, replete with fake birds and fake water lapping underneath via plasma screen, just for the 15-minute collection.

Here are some highlights of the fall-winter 2022 menswear displays.

Dior

Paris Fashion Week is back from its virus-induced slumber. At least that was what some front-row fashion editors uttered upon seeing Dior's elaborate reconstruction of the Pont Alexandre III bridge, with its giant three-dimensional gilt-bronze horse statues and staff-holding nymphs that models had to duck underneath. Million-dollar sets like this have not been seen in seasons.

In pastel hues that reflected a winter morning, models snaked around the Parisian vista, past the iconic image of the Pont Neuf bridge and by the Musee d'Orsay — while a recording from house founder Christian Dior on the meaning of fashion echoed around the hall.

In fashion terms, the beret — that archetypal Gallic symbol — made a fall-winter comeback for British designer Kim Jones. This normally limp Parisian staple was reimagined in a structured form, evoking the Saville Row tailoring of Jones' native London. It was one of many instances of Dior's Parisian styles having a clever UK twist.

Louis Vuitton

The age of email and rising environmental awareness doesn't seem to have left much of a mark on the fashion industry's antiquated system of invitations. Season after season, gasoline-guzzling couriers crisscross Paris to personally deliver ever-elaborate, often handmade, show invites.

Top houses vie for the wackiest or most imaginative idea that often bears a clue as to the theme of their runway collection.

Jil Sander's show details were printed on a huge white balloon hidden inside a box while Loewe's invitation, a three-meter pink silk satin ribbon, unfurled dramatically from a small metal cylinder.

Yet Louis Vuitton's was possibly the menswear season's most inventive: Multicolored toy twin woodpeckers on a pole with the house monogram from top to bottom. It symbolized the childhood observations of the late designer Virgil Abloh, who died in November.

Jil Sander

Jil Sander's husband and wife design duo Lucie and Luke Meier were in fine form Friday for a typically pared down showing for the Milan-based brand.

Since 2017, they have continued in the minimalist vein of house founder Jil Sander, who has stepped away from the creative helm, but whose designs once gave her the nickname the "queen of less."

In the American Cathedral of Paris, guests on Friday evening sat around a large ribbed light balloon referencing perhaps the upcoming Chinese New Year. The fashion brand has announced that it is celebrating the Chinese New Year with a six-piece capsule collection.

Style



Jil Sander



Rains



Jil Sander



Dior

Fashion

support Adele and are confident the show she unveils at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace will be extraordinary." (AP)

GENEVA: Rock 'n' roll icon **Tina Turner** and her husband have reportedly bought a 70-million-Swiss-franc (\$76 million) estate with 10 buildings, pond, stream, swimming pool and boat dock on **Lake Zurich**.

The 82-year-old star's husband, **Erwin Bach**, was quoted in daily *Handelszeitung* as saying the couple acquired the century-old, 24,000-square-meter (260,000-square-foot) property in the village of **Staefta** in September. Bach said the purchase was a logical step because they both have



Chopra



Adele

Swiss nationality now and "feel very comfortable in Switzerland." He added that "due to the pandemic and its consequences we — like many other Swiss — unfortunately are refraining from travel."

Swiss news reports say they will be nearby neighbors to Swiss tennis superstar **Roger Federer**, who reportedly also looked at the property before settling on a different one further east along the lake.

Turner, known for such hits as "Proud Mary" and "What's Love Got To Do With It" and dynamic on-stage performances, married German music executive Bach in 2013 after a long relationship. Born **Anna Mae Bullock** on Nov. 26, 1939, in **Brownsville, Tennessee**, she has lived in Switzerland with him since 1994.

Turner and Bach have rented a home in the town of **Kuesnacht**, closer to the city of **Zurich**, for years. (AP)

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark: Former reality TV star **Josh Duggar** has asked a federal judge for a new trial or an acquittal, a little over a month after he was convicted of receiving and possessing child pornography.

A jury convicted Duggar last month of one count each of receiving and possessing child pornography. A sentencing date hasn't been set for Duggar, who faces up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000 for each count.

In a court filing, Duggar's attorneys argued that prosecutors failed to present evidence that Duggar "knew that the visual depictions were of a minor engaging in explicit conduct," which they say is a necessary element for a conviction.

Federal authorities said they began investigating Duggar after a Little Rock police detective found that child porn files were being shared by a computer traced to Duggar. A federal agent testified in May that images depicting the abuse of children were downloaded in 2019 onto a computer at a car dealership Duggar owned.

During the trial, Duggar's lawyers argued that someone else downloaded or uploaded the images onto Duggar's computer.

Duggar and his large Arkansas family starred on TLC's "19 Kids and Counting" until the network canceled the show in 2015 following revelations that he had molested four of his sisters and a babysitter. Authorities began investigating the abuse in 2006 after receiving a tip from a family friend, but they concluded that the statute of limitations on any possible charges had expired. (AP)

Variety

LOS ANGELES: **Baby Jonas** is here. **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** and her husband **Nick Jonas** announced on their Instagram pages Friday that they welcomed their first child together. She said a surrogate gave birth to the couple's baby on Jan. 15.

"We are overjoyed to confirm that we have welcomed a baby via surrogate," the couple's statement said.

The couple did not reveal their baby's name or sex and asked for privacy "during this special time as we focus on our family."

In 2018, the couple married in **India** after dating for four months. (AP)

LONDON: **Adele** has postponed a 24-

date **Las Vegas** residency hours before it was to start, citing delivery delays and coronavirus illness in her crew.

The chart-topping British singer said she was "gutted" and promised to reschedule the shows.

In a video message posted on social media, a tearful Adele said: "I'm so sorry but my show ain't ready."

"We've tried absolutely everything that we can to pull it together in time and for it to be good enough for you

but we've been absolutely destroyed by delivery delays and COVID," she said, adding that "half my team are down with" the virus.

Adele had been due to perform 24 shows at Caesars Palace Hotel starting Friday following the release of her fourth album, "30."

In a tweet, Caesars Palace said it understood fans' disappointment but added: "Creating a show of this magnitude is incredibly complex. We fully