Fondazione Gianfranco Ferré

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Picture

Object
Minidress with culottes

Designe
Gianfranco Ferré

Year
2000

Label
GIANFRANCO FERRE/MADE IN ITALY

Season
Spring-Summer

Collection
Ready-to-wear

Look
61

Inventory

Size
40 (8)

Materials
White nylon horsehair, floral print chiffon (Ratti, Guanzate), stiff white nylon tape, white Lycra, green/pink/gray flower&leaf print Lycra

Working processe

Description
Minidress in eight cuts of sheer white nylon tulle with chiffon print doubling. For reinforcement, the hourglass design has a grid network of uneven intervals of four horizontal lines that intersect the vertical dress junctures. Tracing these lines is stiff nylon tape. Hems too are similarly underlined and reinforced.
The strapless neckline has a bombé shape, front and back, starting from the seams under armpits. Also, the upper mid back laces up with a chiffon ribbon in a style reminiscent of 19th century corsets. The borders of the back opening have support elements in part hidden by an inside panel insert.
The dress comes complete with a pair of matching double Lycra print culottes.

Remarks
"The sense of the year 2000": Ferré salutes the new millennium with a dress ideated as a design object. In this creation he sums up his mastery of materials, his knowledge of fashion history and culture to introduce once again something totally new. His research on crinolines and 19th century corsets, his deftness with stiff sheer nylon horsehair, his love of silk print are all at the core of this iconic dress where the hourglass shape is determined by a perfect geometric articulation of circles and ribs – and not by the body it will grace. It's an airy see-through object that seems to suggest the idea of a woman and a way of dressing directed toward the future.

Sources

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Acquisition

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Present location

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Condition
Good

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Details

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