



Yves Saint Laurent

“King of fashion designers, who created a masterpiece of a brand”

1936-2008

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Biography

- Yves Henri Donat Matthieu Saint Laurent was born on August 1, 1936, in Oran, Algeria
- Saint Laurent was not popular in school. He was bullied because he appeared homosexual. This affecting him and he became a nervous child, and sick nearly every day ([biography.com/saintlaurent](https://www.biography.com/saintlaurent)).
- At 17, he left for Paris where he showed his drawings to Michel





Education and awards

- When he moved to Paris, he enrolled at the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture
- Laurent was the first living designer to receive a solo exhibition in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1983.
- Saint Laurent found that his job with Dior had disappeared. He successfully suing his former mentor for breach of contract (biography.com/saintlaurent).



Fun fact

- He liked to create intricate paper dolls, and by his early teen years he was designing dresses for his mother and sisters.
- At the age of 17, his mother took him to Paris for a meeting she arranged with Michael de Brunhoff, the editor of *French Vogue* ([biography.com/saintlaurent](https://www.biography.com/saintlaurent)).



Inspirations and work

- De Brunhoff introduced Saint Laurent to designer Christian Dior. He taught me the basis of my art said Laurent.
- “He outfitted women in blazers and smoking jackets and introduced attire like the pea coat to the runway. His signature pieces also included the sheer blouse and the jumpsuit” (biography.com/saintlaurent).



Final years....

- In January 2002, he retired in Marrakech after his final show
- Five years later, Saint Laurent's imprint and importance on French culture appointed him to be the Grand Officer of the Legion d'honneur by French President, Nicolas Sarkozy (biography.com/saintlaurent).
- Saint Laurent died on June 1, 2008 in Paris, France.



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