

Sphinx of Fashion:

Madame Grès



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Biography



- > Born November 30, 1903 in Paris, France
- > Originally wanted to be a sculptress
- > French couturier
- > Early training at the fashion house, Maison
Premet
- > Nicknamed “Sphinx of Fashion” due to her
innovate dress making
- > Opened first couture house in 1932



Evening Dress

Designer: Madame Grès (Alix Barton)
(French, Paris 1903-1993 Var region)

Date: 1937

Materials: Silk

The MET accession number:
2009.300.1174



Evening Dress

Designer: Madame Grès (Alix Barton)
(French, Paris 1903-1993 Var region)

Date: 1958

Materials: Silk

The MET Accession Number:
1973.104.2a,b



Evening Dress

Designer: Madame Grès (Alix Barton)
(French, Paris 1903-1993 Var region)

Date: ca.1968

Materials: Silk

The MET accession number:
2009.300.1017





Dress

Designer: Madame Grès (Alix Barton)
(French, Paris 1903-1993 Var region)

Date: Spring/Summer 1974

Materials: Wool, Silk

The MET accession number:
2009.300.1050a,b



Madame Grès



Cocktail Dress

Designer: Madame Grès
(Alix Barton) (French,
Paris 1903-1993 Var
region)

Date: ca.1960

Materials: Silk

The MET accession
number: 1993.190

Mariano Fortuny



Caftan

Design House: Fortuny
(Italian, founded 1906)

Designer: Mariano Fortuny
(Spanish, Granada
18871-1949 Venice)

Date: ca. 1930

Materials: Silk

The MET accession
number: C.I.50.44



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