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**Maryland Couture Hat Designer, Eileen L Bleyer, Recognized by
the Maryland Center for History and Culture**

*An Eileen L. Bleyer original couture head-piece from her “Montebello Fantasies” 2019
Collection has been accepted into the Historic Fashion Collection at the Center.*

(Baltimore, MD) April 1, 2021- Ms. Bleyer, an 80-year old Harford County resident, designs couture hats and fascinators that are one-of-a-kind pieces and have been featured on magazine covers and on the runway in NYC and at the Embassy of France in Washington, DC. Her original hat, “Joan”, has been accepted for permanent collection by the 175 year-old museum located in Baltimore City. The Maryland Historic Society has recently rebranded as the Maryland Center for History and Culture to better reflect its large collection of unique items that paint an intimate picture of the contributions Marylanders have made to American culture. Bleyer’s piece is just one of nearly 40 original designs that were included in her first New York Fashion Week runway line called “Montebello Fantasies.”

When Eileen Bleyer was a young girl, she would sit outside her Montebello Terrace home and wait for her next door neighbor to bring home scraps of material from a custom fashion shop on Charles Street so she could create elegant clothes for her dolls. She always had an eye for fashion: “I always loved the world of fashion and was inspired by my grandmother and aunts who were entrepreneurial Irish women, always dressed in gorgeous gloves and hats. I used to try them on when visiting. When I was younger, I also excelled in art, particularly oil painting and drawing, so being able to combine the two has been amazing,” said Eileen Bleyer.

Designer, entrepreneur, Kaila Methven of Hollywood CA , wore one of Bleyer’s Couture Fascinators in a photoshoot for Marie Westwood Magazine in 2020 and has since become her exclusive Brand Ambassador. Madame Methven is premiering her new 2021 line of EDM lingerie wearing the one-of-a-kind couture headpieces created and designed by Eileen L Bleyer.

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“All women look beautiful in a hat. They just have to find the right one,” Ms. Bleyer recently told FOX 45 Morning News in Maryland prior to the First Annual Spring Couture Hat Show & Sale at The Lord Baltimore Hotel in 2019. “If you select the perfect hat your whole outfit is elevated to another level. You can have a plain dress and a gorgeous hat and it changes your whole persona. And the truth of it is, if you go back over history, the most famous women in the world always wore gorgeous hats. If a woman walks in the room with an outfit with a gorgeous hat, I’ll tell ya, people are going to notice.”

Eileen L. Bleyer’s, hats and fascinators are one-of-a-kind pieces that vary from casual tams to couture event Headpieces. Bleyer’s artistic use of silk flowers, feathers, ribbons, appliqué of vintage fabric and beading creates unique designs that are available at: www.eileenbleyermillinery.com.



Couture Headpiece: Joan, Montebello Fantasies Collection 2019

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