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RITUAL UNIONS - BFW RAUM.BERLIN PERFORMANCE

Berlin Fashion Week AW26

On the 2nd of February 2026, Ritual Unions presented a live couture performance as part of RAUM.Berlin, curated by Fashion Council Germany. The show unfolded as a contemporary ritual exploring freedom, presence, and the power of collective experience within the Berlin scene.

At the center of the performance stood an opulent dinner table installation designed in collaboration with Flores y Amores. A nude male performer sat atop the lavishly set table, forming a striking image reminiscent of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper, reinterpreted through a modern lens. The tableau created a deliberately decadent and absurd tension — confronting tradition, ritual, and spectacle while questioning who is seen, celebrated, and sanctified in contemporary culture.

The collection reflects Ritual Unions' signature language of post-bridal couture: structured silhouettes, visible corsetry, sculptural draping, and tactile embellishments that merge ceremonial craft with subversive modernity. Each look balances restraint and exposure, echoing the performance's central theme — clothing as armor, offering protection while revealing the body with intention.

An excerpt from the live audio concept framed the atmosphere:

"I dress for alignment, not approval.
For truth, not consistency.
For the self I am today."

Rather than presenting fashion as spectacle alone, the performance positioned couture as a living ritual — an act of gathering, witnessing, and shared presence. Berlin forms the emotional backdrop: a city where misfits build their own altars and community replaces convention. Ritual Unions channels this spirit into garments that exist between ceremony and rebellion.

The presentation was realized in collaboration with Flores y Amores (set design) and jewelry designer Gina Melosi, whose sculptural pieces amplified the ceremonial tension of the collection. Makeup and hair were executed by a multidisciplinary Berlin team, reinforcing the show's emphasis on community and collective authorship.

Ritual Unions continues to redefine couture beyond traditional bridal codes, developing a visual language rooted in contemporary ritual, freedom of identity, and radical craftsmanship. The AW26 performance marks another chapter in the brand's evolution — where fashion becomes not only something to wear, but something to experience.

Lookbook, backstage material, show images and videos available upon request.

Ritual Unions

Designer: Karin Brettmeister

Set Design: Flores y Amores

Jewelry: Gina Melosi

Make Up & Hair: Natalie Paulikat, Viktoria Turok, Sinem Kaya, Marta Malachinski, Lucas Oster, Hanna Scharmann-Klein

Models: Edoardo Maraia, Hanna Woldt, Thom Karstens, Daniel Klare, Klaudia Zimnol, Jazz Ameinah via Wir Sind Uns, Melina Geishirt via Seeds Management, Melika Niyazi via Schatz Models, Anna Hug, Kana Tsutsui, Soraya Marzouk, Argelis Sobil via Schatz Models, Eva Ariane Heise

Performance Artist: Stefano Martiradonna

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