

THE BERKELEY

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OSCAR DE LA RENTA, GUCCI AND LANVIN PLAY A STARRING ROLE ON THE CAKEWALK AS PRÊT-À-PORTEA RETURNS FOR SPRING / SUMMER 2022

From 11th April 2022, The Berkeley will unveil its Spring/Summer 2022 Prêt-à-Portea collection – a playful and stylish selection of couture cakes inspired by designers from Saint Laurent to Schiaparelli. A firm favourite with fashionistas with a sweet tooth, Prêt-à-Portea gives a contemporary twist to afternoon tea with a collection of bold catwalk-inspired creations.

This season's collection opens with Oscar de la Renta – a striking orange gown crafted with apricot bavarois, salted Manuka honey and apricot ganache, topped with a meringue frill. A hero handbag from Michael Kors – whose bags were seen filled with flowers on the catwalk – has been created as a Victoria sponge with fresh strawberry jam, wrapped in an Opalys chocolate cylinder with flowers intricately piped with lime butter cream.



Gucci's pink silk tuxedo has been reimagined in bourbon vanilla mousse and Emmanuel sponge, layered with peach compote and glazed with shimmering pink icing. This is finished with a thin chocolate jacket and bow tie. Meanwhile, Lanvin's towering floral platform heels will stomp down the cakewalk made from chocolate biscuit, painstakingly piped with royal icing.



Schiaparelli's couture golden mini dress combines caramel sponge, dark Valrhona chocolate and hazelnut praline, all topped with a shimmering, chocolate oversized collar. Richard Quinn's buttercup yellow gown is immortalised in ice cream – chocolate wafer cones are filled with fresh fruit compote and pineapple and star anise sorbet, topped with bright yellow chocolate waves.

Finally, the Prêt-à-Portea pastry team have created showstopper of a cake – designed to share – paying homage to Saint Laurent's floral jumpsuit. An oversized red rose made of lychee mousse with fresh raspberry is set on a glossy white coconut cake, and finished with a green chocolate leaf.

The Spring Summer season of Prêt-à-Portea runs from Monday 11th April 2022 and is served from 1pm - 5.30pm every day, priced from £64 per person.

To make a reservation for Prêt-à-Portea visit <https://www.the-berkeley.co.uk/restaurants-bars/afternoon-tea/>

ABOUT THE BERKELEY

Nestled between bustling Knightsbridge and leafy Belgravia, [The Berkeley](#) is the essence of contemporary chic and innovative luxury. With stunning rooms and suites, Michelin-starred cuisine from Marcus Wareing, a fashion favourite afternoon tea at Prêt-à-Portea, the Blue Bar and The Berkeley Bar & Terrace for drinks and The Bamford Spa, The Berkeley continues to surprise and enchant.

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