

It's a Material World

Feb. 17–May 3—While your chances of chitchatting with Nicole Kidman at the 75th Annual Academy Awards (airing March 23) are slim, you can get up close to some other potential Oscar recipients: the costumes. Each spring, the Museum Galleries at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Downtown L.A. honors the film industry's designers in a free exhibit, "The Art of Motion Picture Costume Design." Ooh and ahh over extraordinary creations from 30-plus films, including *Frida*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, and *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, and last year's Oscar winner *Moulin Rouge* (pictured). For information and to view previous exhibits, visit www.fidm.com and select "Gallery Scene." The gallery is open Monday–Saturday, 10 A.M.–4 P.M. Parking is \$3–\$6. The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, 919 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. (213) 624-1200.

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