

# Les Sorbier

Unique Pieces  
Haute Couture

Summer 2019

# Obi

## A whole poem.

Their names are: Maru obi, Fukuro obi, Nagoya obi, Hanhaba obi, Odoro obi or even Tenga obi.

But what is it, then ?

A fabric belt, quite simply, used to close kimonos most often. It's a simple, narrow rectangle that is about thirty centimeters by three to four meters long.

There has been an evolution in the history of obi. At the start, it was a simple rope, which, over time, turned into sumptuous adornment.

I had already used one for the collection «Les Amants Célestes», right here at the Guimet Museum for the summer of 2016. This old obi had become a dress bustier. I must say that I was hungry and since then I had found two others and I brought them out regularly from the cupboards.

For summer 2019, it's everywhere. You will see it in a skirt, bustier, dress, jacket, sometimes veiled with organza, sometimes visible or cut again.

They are all unique, old, their designs are on various themes, the weavings are brocade, paperback, damask ... endangered techniques.

The organza is either black or light honey. Dark to tell the mystery of this archipelago long closed to the rest of the world, clear honey to speak about a rising sun in the maritime mist.

This collection is also a meeting of the Far East and the West, in the 19th century.

This new season evokes Japanese woodcut prints, the famous prints of Ukiyo-e, a term meaning «image of the floating world». These prints were born during an era of peace and prosperity under the authority of the Tokugawa shogunate and with the emergence of an urban bourgeoisie, they set out to describe the pleasures of everyday life.

All passages bear the name of a master printmaker.

The summer of 2019 will be theatrical like a pantomime of twists and turns.

A fusion of Far Eastern heritage culture and Western fashion plagued by decay. This is evidenced by the evocation of samurai, sumo on the one hand and «Lolitas kawaiï d'Harajuku» on the other.

A world where everyone has their place.

Frank Sorbier

Post Scriptum : in our country, the Council of State treats flowers, fruits and vegetables better than animals.

See the entanglements law that is destroying birds, squirrels and surely many other species.

We must react, the struggle continues.

**Wherever you go,  
go with all your heart.**

**Confucius**