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Statement

I have never been a fan of shooting selfies: I don’t even possess a selfie stick. I normally prefer to photograph animals and plants to taking pictures of people. But after more than fifty days of not emerging from my New York City apartment during the height of the pandemic, when I did appear, most gingerly, my eyes, nose, and mouth were hidden behind various newly purchased masks and dark glasses long secreted in a drawer, and my head, like always, was topped with a hat from my extensive collection. I no longer had human features, and I found this invisible woman of style a sudden source of intrigue and I was compelled to photograph this wearer of coronavirus chic.

Bio

Along with her not-so-secret identity as The Masked Hatter of Instagram, Elizabeth Sobieski is a freelance writer focusing on the arts. She studied Fine Art at the University of Pennsylvania, before embarking on a career writing for such publications as New York, Cosmopolitan, The New York Post, and Avenue. She was a Contributing Editor for The Art Economist Magazine and currently writes articles about contemporary art for The Huffington Post, Medium, and White Hot Magazine, as well as providing catalogue essays for artists who are not The Masked Hatter of Instagram.
Bycocket (Robin Hood Hat) by Jack McConnell
Green glasses from Maison Fred Joailler
Mask from YINSHOME
Picture hat by Jack McConnell
Silk velvet jacket from Laise Adzer
Silk scarf from Sunkyung SA
Beige Derby Hat from Nordstrom’s
Bonnie Cashin Coat
Mr. John Derby Hat
Cee-Co Coat
Bonwit Teller Hat
Chado Blazer
Goldsheep Mask
Jack McConnell Hat
Sarah Stugeon Coat
Scarf by Moss River, Australia
Fedora by Lola
Jil Sander Blazer
Amazon scarf/mask
Hat by Marie Mercie, Paris
Vintage Ray-Bans
Sweater from Saks Fifth Ave
Jack McConnell Hat
Pagani Sunglasses
Musée du Vieux Nîmes Scarf
Silk Velvet Turban by Christian Dior Chapeaux
Raw Silk Jacket by Julie of Hong Kong
Cool-Ray Polaroid Sunglasses
Kathy Allen Designs Hat
Lamberto Losani Cashmere Scarf
Jack McConnell Hat
Amazon Mask
Suit by Regina Rubens
Bill Blass Construction Worker Style Hat
Zipper mask from Goldsheep
Satin jacket from Helene Berman, London
Fascinator by Whittall and Shon
Folding Sunglasses by Adam Kimmel
Hat by Mr. John
Coat from Vivienne Westwood
Vine-covered Hat by Christine Bec, London
Mask from MasQd of Los Angeles
Architectural Hat by Marie Mercie, Paris
Mask by Bashevadress
Hand-embroidered Moroccan caftan
Glasses of Bamboo and Bakelite
Picture Hat by Eric Javits
Crystal encrusted mask to benefit Project Angel Food
Raffia Hat by Schiaparelli, Paris
Tunic from Patrick Kelly