



McQueen's apprentice designs Olympic torch costumes

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AN APPRENTICE of Alexander McQueen has designed new costumes for the lighting of the Rio 2016 Olympic torch in Greece.

London-born Greek Cypriot Eleni Kyriacou studied textile design at Central Saint Martins. Her garments will be worn at the ceremony on April 21 at Olympia, birthplace of the Games. The torch will then head to Brazil.

She described the commission as a "huge honour" and said it would offer "a glimpse to the beauty of Greece's classical past whilst placing the design

firmly in 2016". The dress is inspired by the dancing figures of Greek art and the colours – light turquoise, light blue, brown and olive green – evoke the Greek landscape.

Kyriacou, who is from Swiss Cottage and now lives in Athens, worked for McQueen in the two seasons before his death in 2010. She said: "I feel privileged I had the

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opportunity to see how he worked." She also trained at The Bartlett at University College London.

She said of her latest work: "The task was, for me, about entering the spirit of Classical Greece." Following the ceremony at Olympia, the torch will go on a tour of Greece, then on May 3 the torch relay will start in Brasilia. Some 12,000 torchbearers will carry it. The relay will end on August 5 when Olympic cauldron will be lit at the Rio 2016 opening ceremony.



Classical: Eleni Kyriacou's designs will be worn at the lighting of the torch at Olympia

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