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The idea of mythical femininity stemming from the magic of Mother Earth has inspired Maria Grazia Chiuri, artistic director of Dior's women's line, to delve into the Wild Woman archetype. **Dior's** Cruise 2018 collection draws on the designer's favorite book, 'Women Who Run with the Wolves' by Clarissa Pinkola Estés. Wolf prints animate silk jacquards, and embroideries represent female fingerprints. Chiuri also uses the imagery of Motherpeace Tarot, a feminist-inspired deck of tarot cards where most of the figures are female, created in the 1970s by shamanic healers Karen Vogel and Vicki Noble. This is Chiuri's somewhat tongue-in-cheek take on divinatory art, which Monsieur Dior himself reportedly had a great interest in.

Between futurism and romantic poetry, cities and delicate landscapes, **Louis Vuitton's** Cruise 2018 alternates contemporary influences with references to a noble ancestral civilization. The eclectic styles are inspired by samurai costumes, ink landscapes, Japanese ceremonial dress and keikogi uniforms used in martial

arts. Urban pantsuits and architectural tunics are designed in the spirit of Hokusai, while leather sweaters reference Japanese armor. The West makes an appearance in the shape of cowboy boots boasting a patchwork of colors and materials.

The wild woman theme continues at **Antonio Marras**, whose Resort 2018 collection was inspired by Scarlett O'Hara, the iconic heroine of 'Gone with the Wind', and proposes a series of blue, magenta and silver dresses in brocade and yellow and black lace, overcoats, parkas and skirts with floral applications. At **Acne Studios**, the Wild West theme is expressed through cutting-edge denim featuring stonewash treatments, suede and vintage leather trousers. Americana influences are also prominent at **Dsquared2** with multiple leather jackets, denim, and prom dresses. Mixing and matching is key: a biker jacket is worn with an extra-long skirt, Hibiscus prints are mixed with animal patterns, and a prom dress is matched with a boyscout shirt.