ONLINE SHOE MUSEUMS

I recently discovered a number of websites which function as online shoe museums, archives or exhibitions.

These sites contain great resources for designers, and some seriously desirable shoes for footwear obsessives.

Virtual Shoe Museum

Virtual Shoe Museum is an archive of intriguing footwear from recent years. It was founded by Liza Snook in 2005, and the database of styles has increased year-on-year.

You can search for shoes within this site by a number of fields, including Colour, Designer, Material (including Edible!) and Style. The "Favourites" tool allows you to add and store any 50 shoes, and then e-mail them to yourself.

The blog makes for good reading, highlighting new footwear designers’ collections, and providing up-to-date footwear news.

Recommended for: Design inspiration and shoe exhibition listings

Collection highlight: Shoe Earrings High Heels by Sarah Burchill (image courtesy of virtualshoemuseum.com):