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*Heaven is a halfpipe... and the new Louis Vuitton skate shoe hits the sweet spot, too*

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**L**ouis Vuitton is never one to shy away from a streetwear collaboration. This year alone has seen the LV Squared drop and a capsule collection co-designed with Japanese designer Nigo; and who could forget the mega-hyped Supreme hook-up back in 2017? The meeting of design aesthetics and the merging of logos, these collaborations have always celebrated streetwear culture as a whole. But there's something different about this latest venture. The result of LV Men's Artistic Director Virgil Abloh's obsession with skate culture and a collaboration with pro skateboarder Lucien Clarke, the first-ever Louis Vuitton skate shoe has been born. Clarke was given free rein by Abloh and the resulting shoe, named A View, is reminiscent of the Nineties DC shoes. Crafted in a mix of suede and mesh uppers, with reflective detailing and technical-foam sole cushioning, these shoes are as much a style necessity as they are a pro skater's best friend. This collaboration isn't just a celebration of skate culture, it's an investment in it. Once laced in, not only will you look like a pro, but you'll also be set to ollie, flip or grind at a moment's notice.

A View skate shoes by LOUIS VUITTON