



Costume, Performance

Date

c. 1940

Primary Maker

Brooks Costume Company

Medium

Cotton; satin; various metals; elastic; horse hair; plastic

Description

Men's costume consisting of coat (a), pants (b), vest (c), bow tie (d), ascot (e), suspenders (f), top hat (g), wig (h), and seven horse hair fragments (i-o). (a) Blue top coat with tails. White felt stars on lapel and down front; also around sleeve cuffs. Six silver buttons on front; two on each sleeve. Two buttons on back, at top of tails.[Safety pin removed from inside lining; attached to pin was a dry cleaning tag number (discarded)]. (b) Red and white vertically striped heavy satin pants. Beige lining. Embroidered label in waistline. Handwritten in waistline is wearer's last name and a number. Side pockets. Five plastic buttons in fly. Cloth label with maker information. (c) Blue vest with white stars. Five silver buttons down front. Four pockets. Lighter blue cotton material on back; metal clasp on belt in back. (d) Purple bow tie. Silk. Clasp on bands that wrap around neck. (e) White cotton ascot. Ruffles down front, Two ties around neck, and two around back. Maker label attached to backside. (f) Brown elastic suspenders with brown leather tops on both ends and venter strap. Gold metal clasps. Engravings on back of clasps. (g) Grey felt-covered felt top hat. Around top is purple silk ribbon with white felt stars. Hat lined with beige leather. On lining: gold stamp and possible square sticker. (h) Wig. Grey, blonde, black and white horse hair. Net and cotton scalp lining. Tuft of hair torn from piece [Not directly marked with catalog number]. (i) Horse hair piece, attached to a piece of cloth. Curls on ends. Hair

color: black and grey. (j,k) Horse hair piece attached to material in small shallow cone-shaped. Pink lines

on material. Curls on end. Hair color: black and grey. (l) Horse hair, wrapped around wire, with elastic rope attached; hair hangs below. Hair color: brown and white. (m) Horse hair, wrapped around wire, with elastic rope attached; hair hangs below. Hair color: blonde, black, grey. (n) Horse hair, wrapped around wire, with elastic rope attached; hair hangs below. Hair color: white, grey, black (minor). (o) Horse hair, wrapped around wire, with elastic rope attached; hair hangs below. Hair color: black (minor) and white.

Dimensions

All objects measured flat. (a) Height: 49.25 ; Width at Shoulders: 24 ; Length of tails: 29.125 (b) H: 46 ; W at waist: 20.5 (c) H: 22.25; W: 20 (d) W: 3.325 ; L: 16.5 ; Depth: 1 (e) H: 19 ; W: 11.75 (f) W end to end: 5 ; W of strap: .875 ; L: 32.5 (g) H: 7 ; W: 10.25 ; L: 12.5 (h) W: 13 ; L:12 (i) W: 7.5 ; L: 14.25 (j) W: 3.125 ; L: 9.5 (k) W: 2.5 ; L: 12.125 (l) W" 3.5 ; L: 8 (m) W: 3 ; L: 7.5 (n) W: 3.25 ; L: 7.5 (o) W: 3 ; L: 9.25