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Billy Rose Theatre Division

Guide to the

Will R. Barnes costume designs [graphic]

between 1917 and 1923

*T-Vim (Barnes, Will R.; selections)

Summary

Creator: Barnes, Will R

Title: Will R. Barnes costume designs [graphic]

Date: between 1917 and 1923

Size: 10 original designs, col, 37 x 19 cm; 10 original designs, col, 37 x 19 cm

Abstract: Designs for female performers in unidentified shows, executed in pencil, watercolors, and silver and gold paint. Includes some fabric swatches. All designs are labelled and signed with Barnes' full name and address.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Costume design -- New York (State) -- New York

Costume designers -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Costume design drawings

Drawings (visual works)

Titles

National Endowment for the Arts Millennium Project

Names

Barnes, Will R