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Guide to the

**Lewis Brown costume designs**

1961-2002 [bulk 1961-1980]

\*T-Vim 1969-004

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## Summary

**Creator:** Brown, Lewis

**Title:** Lewis Brown costume designs

**Date:** 1961-2002 [bulk 1961-1980]

**Size:** 2.96 linear feet (12 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by Lewis Brown, 1969, 2002

**Abstract:** Lewis Brown (1928-2011) was an American theatrical costume designer. The Lewis Brown costume designs document his work with various regional theaters and television productions throughout the country.

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## Creator History

Lewis Brown (1928-2011) was an American theatrical costume designer. Born in California, he studied art at UCLA.

After moving to New York City, he worked as a staff costume designer for NBC television from 1955 to 1964. He was also an active theatrical designer, working on shows for the New York Shakespeare Festival, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, The Old Globe Theater in San Diego, and many other

notable regional theaters.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Lewis Brown costume designs document his work with various regional theaters and television productions throughout the country. Most designs are watercolor or pastel originals. There are some rough pencil sketches. Most drawings are signed, dated, and annotated. A few drawings have sketches on the cardboard backing and some include cloth swatches. Many files only hold one or two designs from an individual show, but there are some full sets of designs including the 1965 production of *Caucasian Chalk Circle* and the 1961 production of *Richard II*. The production date and theater company are listed when known.

Correspondence is with Sir Tyrone Guthrie, founder of the Guthrie Theater and concerns Brown's designs for *Henry V* (1964), *Richard III* (1965), and *Harper's Ferry* (1965).

**Arrangement:** Alphabetical by production.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Costume design

### **Names**

Guthrie, Tyrone, 1900-1971

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-3 Correspondence 1963-1965  
Designs
- b. 2 f. 1 *Arsenic and Old Lace* 1975
- b. 2 f. 2 *Bound East for Cardiff* 1966
- b. 2 f. 3 *Camille* 1980  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.  
*Caucasian Chalk Circle*
- b. 2 f. 4-6 1965  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.
- b. 3 f. 1-3 1965  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.
- b. 3 f. 4 1987  
Seattle Repertory Theatre.
- b. 3 f. 5 *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men* 1970  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.
- b. 3 f. 6 *Comedy of Errors* 1979
- b. 4 f. 1 *Coriolanus* 1988  
Old Globe Theater, San Diego, California.  
*The Crucible*
- b. 4 f. 2 1967  
NBC Television presentation.
- b. 4 f. 3 1968  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 12 f. 1-3 1968  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 4 f. 4 *Dance of Death* 1966
- b. 5 f. 1 *The Doctor's Dilemma* 1966  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.
- b. 5 f. 2 *Don't Shoot Mable It's Your Husband* 1968  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 5 f. 3 *Dream on Monkey Mountain* 1970  
Center Theater Group, Los Angeles.
- b. 5 f. 4 *Fallen Angels* 1985
- b. 6 f. 1 *Fire* 1968
- b. 6 f. 2 *Give My Regards to George M. Cohan* 1961  
NBC Television special.
- b. 6 f. 3-5 *Henry IV* 1972  
Center Theater Group, Los Angeles.
- b. 6 f. 6 *Henry V* 1963  
The Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis.
- b. 7 f. 1 *Idiot's Delight* 1970  
Center Theater Group, Los Angeles.
- b. 7 f. 2 *In the Zone* 1966

Designs (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 3 *Jimmy Shine* 1968  
Broadway production.
- b. 7 f. 4 *Kiss Me, Kate* 1985
- b. 7 f. 5 *Long Live Life* 1968  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 7 f. 6 *Long Voyage Home* 1966
- b. 8 f. 1-4 *Marat/Sade* 1966
- b. 9 f. 1 *The Miser* 1968  
Center Theater Group, Los Angeles.
- b. 9 f. 2 *Moon of the Caribbees* 1966
- b. 9 f. 3-5 *Richard II* 1961  
New York Shakespeare Festival.
- b. 10 f. 1-3 *Richard III* 1965  
The Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.
- b. 10 f. 4 *Taming of the Shrew* 2002  
Old Globe Theatre, San Diego.
- b. 10 f. 5 *Tartuffe* 1986  
Old Globe Theatre, San Diego.
- b. 11 f. 1 *Thieves' Carnival* 1967  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 11 f. 2 *Twelfth Night* 1967  
American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco.
- b. 11 f. 3 *Valdez is Coming* 1969
- b. 11 f. 4 *The Ziegfeld Story* 1961
- b. 11 f. 5 Unidentified Productions circa 1960s-1980s