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Guide to the

Woody Shelp millinery files

1973-2002

*T-Vim 2005-009

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Summary

Creator: Shelp, Woodrow Lee, 1927-2004

Title: Woody Shelp millinery files

Date: 1973-2002

Size: 4.72 linear feet (11 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

Source: Unknown

Abstract: Woodrow "Woody" Lee Shelp (1927-2004) was a milliner for theater, film, and television. The Woody Shelp millinery files date from 1973 to 2002 and contain designs and accompanying materials such as notes, fabric swatches, patterns, and photographs.

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Creator History

Woodrow "Woody" Lee Shelp (1927-2004) was a milliner for theater, film, and television productions. Shelp made his entry into millinery as one of the assistants to designer Irene Sharaff during the 1957 Broadway season. In 1962, he started his own business and received a "Hats by Woody Shelp" credit line in the 1963 production of *Jennie*. Shelp often worked with designers such as Theoni V. Aldredge, Martin Pakledinaz, Patricia Zipprodt, Willa Kim, Santo Loquasto, and Tony Walton. He created hats for nearly 140 theatrical shows, and several films and television productions. Notable designs include ones for *A Chorus Line* (1975), *La Cage aux Folles* (1983), and *101 Dalmatians* (1996). In 2000, Shelp received the Irene Sharaff Artisan Award. He retired in 2002, and died in 2004 after a long illness.

Scope and Content Note

The Woody Shelp millinery files date from 1973 to 2002 and contain designs and accompanying materials from many theater, film, and television productions, including *A Chorus Line* (1975), *A Doll's Life* (1982), *La Cage aux Folles* (1983), *Singin' in the Rain* (1983), *Titanic* (1997), and *101 Dalmatians* (1996). The collection covers Shelp's millinery work from 1975 till his retirement.

Each millinery file is arranged alphabetically by production and notes the date of the opening or release as well as the name of the primary designer. The files are comprised of notes, correspondence, designs, fabric swatches, patterns, and photographs that document Shelp's millinery work. The designs were sent to Shelp from the primary designer, and the correspondence provides more details on their orders. Many of the designs place Shelp's millinery work within the context of an entire costume. The notes record the research, measurements, and early creative stages. The fabric swatches add texture and depth to the designs. The patterns outline how the designs were constructed, while the photographs showcase Shelp's final products. There is also a file that contains price lists with total costs of each production.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged alphabetically by production. The names of primary designers are included in the container list.

Key Terms

Subjects

Costume design

Millinery

Motion pictures -- Production and direction

Television -- Production and direction

Theater -- New York (State) -- New York

Theater -- Production and direction

Occupations

Costume designers

Hatters

Millinery workers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letters (correspondence)

notes

Patterns (guides)

Photographs

Preparatory drawings

Swatches

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-3 Price Lists 1973-1997
Productions
- b. 1 f. 4 42nd Street 2000
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 1 f. 5 101 Dalmations 1995
Anthony Powell
- b. 1 f. 6 Ain't Misbehavin' 1995
Bob Mackie
- b. 1 f. 7 Alice 1980
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 1 f. 8 Annie 1977, 1996
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 1 f. 9 Annie -- Movie 1981
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 2 f. 1 Annie Get Your Gun 1999-2000
William Ivey Long
- b. 2 f. 2 Anything Goes 1987
Tony Watson
- b. 2 f. 3 Baryshnikov on Broadway 1980
- b. 2 f. 4 The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public 1994
Bob Mackie
- b. 2 f. 5 The Best Man 2000
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 2 f. 6 Big Deal 1986
Patricia Zipprodt
- b. 2 f. 7 Blith Spirit 1987
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 2 f. 8 Broadway Bares 1999
Greg Barnes
- b. 2 f. 9 Bullets Over Broadway 1993
Jeffrey Kurland
- b. 2 f. 10 Busker Alley 1995
Willa Kim
- b. 2 f. 11 Cabaret 1987
Patricia Zipprodt
- b. 2 f. 12 Candide 1987
Judith Dolan
- b. 2 f. 13 Can't Stop the Music 1979
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 3 f. 1 Chaplin 1983
Willa Kim
- b. 3 f. 2 Charlotte 1980
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 3 f. 3 Chess 1988
Theoni V. Aldredge

Productions (cont.)

- b. 3 f. 4 **A Chorus Line** 1975
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 3 f. 5 **Cinderella** 1983
Santo Loquasto
- b. 3 f. 6 **City of Angeles** 1989
Florence Klotz
- b. 3 f. 7 **The Civil War** 1999
William Ivey Long
- b. 3 f. 8 **Clothes for a Summer Hotel** 1980
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 3 f. 9 **Coconuts** 1988
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 3 f. 10 **The Corn is Green** 1983
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 3 f. 11 **The Country Wife** 1981
Judith Dolan
- b. 3 f. 12 **Coup de Couperin** 2000
Willia Kim
- b. 3 f. 13 **The Curse of Kalenchikov** 1981
Patricia Zipprodt
- b. 3 f. 14 **Curtain Call** 1997
William Ivey Long
- b. 3 f. 15 **Dance of Vampires** 2002
Ann Hould-Ward
- b. 3 f. 16 **A Doll's Life** 1982
Florence Klotz
- b. 4 f. 1 **A Doll's Life** 1982
Florence Klotz
- b. 4 f. 2 **Dream Girls** 1981
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 4 f. 3 **The Elixir of Love** 1997
Lars Anderson
- b. 4 f. 4 **Florencia en el Amazonas** 1996
Catherine Zuber
- b. 4 f. 5 **Follies** 1998
Greg Barnes
- b. 4 f. 6 **Follies** 2001
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 4 f. 7 **Gaité Parisienne** 1988
Christian LaCroix
- b. 4 f. 8 **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes** 1995
- b. 4 f. 9 **Golden Child** 1996
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 4 f. 10 **Goodbye Fidel** 1980
Florence Klotz
- b. 4 f. 11 **The Green Bird** 2000
Constance Hoffman

Productions (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 12 **Grind** 1985
 Florence Klotz
- b. 5 f. 1 **Happy Birthday, Hollywood** 1987
 Alvin Colt
- b. 5 f. 2 **Harold and Maude** 1980
 Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 5 f. 3-4 **Harrigan 'n Hart** 1985
 Ann Hould-Ward
- b. 5 f. 5 **I Do! I Do!** 1996
 Suzy Benzinger
- b. 5 f. 6 **Impossible Dream** 1998
 Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 5 f. 7-8 **Jekyll & Hyde** 1997
 Ann Curtis
- b. 5 f. 9 **Jerry's Girls** 1985
 Florence Klotz
- b. 5 f. 10 **Joggers** 1997
 Frank Krenz
- b. 5 f. 11 **La Bayadere** 1980
 Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 5 f. 12 **La Cage aux Folles** 1983
 Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 6 f. 1-2 **La Cage aux Folles** 1983
 Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 6 f. 3 **Legs Diamond** 1988
 Willa Kim
- o. 1 **Lend Me a Tenor** 1988
 William Ivey Long
- b. 6 f. 4 **Little Foxes** 1981
 Florence Klotz
- b. 6 f. 5-6 **Little Me** 1981
 Tony Walton
- b. 6 f. 7 **Liv Ullman** 1981
- b. 6 f. 8 **Madame Butterfly** 1982
 Florence Klotz
- b. 6 f. 9 **The Magic Flute** 1985
 Judith Dolan
- b. 6 f. 10 **Mail** 1988
 William Ivey Long
- b. 6 f. 11 **Marilyn** 1983
 Joe Aulisi
- b. 7 f. 1-2 **Merlin** 1982
 Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 7 f. 3 **Merrily We Roll Along** 1981
 Judith Dolan
- b. 7 f. 4 **Merry Wives** 1983
 Judith Dolan

Productions (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 5 **A Midsummer Nights Sex Comedy -- Woody Allen Summer Project 1981**
- b. 7 f. 6 **The Misanthrope 1983**
Ann Roth
- b. 7 f. 7 **The Misanthrope 1999**
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 7 f. 8 **Miss Saigon 1991**
Suzy Benzinger
- b. 7 f. 9 **Monday After the Miracle 1980**
Carol Oditz
- b. 7 f. 10 **Moon Over Buffalo 1995**
Bob Mackie
- b. 7 f. 11 **Mrs. Soffel 1984**
Luciana Arrighi
- b. 7 f. 12 **Nine 1982**
William Ivey Long
- b. 7 f. 13 **Noel 1981**
Donald Brooks
- b. 7 f. 14 **Nutcracker**
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 8 f. 1 **Nutcracker 1986**
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 8 f. 2 **On the 20th Century 1986**
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 8 f. 3 **On the Town 1997**
Paul Tazwell
- b. 8 f. 4 **On Your Toes 1982**
Zach Brown
- b. 8 f. 5-6 **Onward Victoria 1980**
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 8 f. 7 **Phantom 1988**
- b. 8 f. 8 **The Red Shoes 1993**
Catherine Zuber
- b. 8 f. 9 **Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus 1999-2000**
- b. 8 f. 10 **The Rink 1984**
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 9 f. 1 **Rodeo 1989**
Santo Loquasto
- b. 9 f. 2-3 **Romeo and Juliet 1987**
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 9 f. 4 **Sarah in America 1981**
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 9 f. 5 **Shanghai Moon 1999**
Charles Busch
- b. 9 f. 6-7 **Show Boat 1993**
Florence Klotz
- b. 9 f. 8 **Side Show 1997**
Greg Barnes

Productions (cont.)

- b. 10 f. 1-2 **Singin' in the Rain** 1985
Ann Roth
- b. 10 f. 3 **Smile** 1986
William Ivey Long
- b. 10 f. 4 **Stardust** 1987
Mardi Philips
- b. 10 f. 5 **Steel Pier** 1997
William Ivey Long
- b. 10 f. 6 **Stepping Out** 1986
Neil Spizak
- b. 10 f. 7 **A Streetcar Named Desire** 1995
Theoni V. Aldredge
- b. 10 f. 8 **Summer and Smoke** 1996
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 10 f. 9 **Sunday in the Park with George** 1983
Patricia Zipprodt and Ann Hould-Ward
- b. 10 f. 10 **Sunset Boulevard** 1991-1993
- b. 11 f. 1 **Surf City** 1985
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 11 f. 2 **Sweet Smell of Success** 2002
- b. 11 f. 3 **The Tap Dance Kid** 1983
- b. 11 f. 4 **Three Men on a Horse** 1993
Ann Hould-Ward
- b. 11 f. 5-6 **Titanic** 1997
Stewart Laing
- b. 11 f. 7 **Tom Sawyer** 2001
Anthony Powell
- b. 11 f. 8 **Triumph of Love** 1997
Catherine Zuber
- b. 11 f. 9 **Twelfth Night** 1982
Desmond Healey
- b. 11 f. 10 **Welcome to the Club** 1989
William Ivey Long
- b. 11 f. 11 **Wizard of Oz** 1998
Greg Barnes
- b. 11 f. 12 **You Never Can Tell** 1986
Martin Pakledinaz
- b. 11 f. 13 **Zirkus Weill** 1994-1995
Martin Pakledinaz