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Guide to the

Ringling Brothers 124th Edition Blue Tour costume designs

1994

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Summary

Creator: Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows

Title: Ringling Brothers 124th Edition Blue Tour costume designs

Date: 1994

Size: .42 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Unknown.

Abstract: The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus is an American circus company formed in 1919. The company runs two train-based tours throughout North America, the Red and Blue Tours, each of which perform a separate edition of the circus show for two years. This collection consists of sketches, fabric swatches, sample notions and jewels, photographs, measurements, specifications, and notes for a selection of costumes created for the 124th Edition Blue Tour of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. All material in the collection dates from 1994. Circus acts documented through the costume designs include the Boulibekov riding act, clowns, Muratov and Koukan aerial act, ringmaster Jim Ragona, and elephant trainers Tom Heffnet and Buckles Woodcock. Animal attire is also represented, with designs for elephant blankets and carousel horse costumes. The designs are arranged by act or performer name. Multiple design within a file are ordered sequentially by design number. Some costumes documented in the collection were designed by Michael-Jon Costumes and created by the Eaves-Brooks Costume Company.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Circus -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Costume design

Design drawings

Photographs

Swatches

Names

Eaves-Brooks Costume Company

Michael-Jon Costumes

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Boulibekov Riding Act 1994
- b. 1 f. 2-4 Carousel Horses 1994
- b. 1 f. 5-13 Clowns 1994
- b. 2 f. 1-6 Elephant Blankets 1994
- b. 2 f. 7 Heffnet and Woodcock 1994
- b. 2 f. 8-9 Muratov and Kouhan Aerial Act 1994
- b. 2 f. 10 Ringmaster 1994
- b. 2 f. 11-12 Web Sitters and Swing Girls 1994