

NEWSLETTER

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MISSOURI HISTORIC COSTUME AND TEXTILE COLLECTION

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Day of Ginger

Exhibition, Film & Gala

SAVE THE DATE: April 13, 2024
Day of Ginger and Golden Gala!
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From the Curator...

The Golden Girls pictured above say "Hats Off!" to another fabulous year in 2023! The Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection at Mizzou saw new opportunities for community engagement with the American Quilt Study Group, 4-H Fashion Revue, and the Columbia Art League! Learn more on page 5. The Missouri History Museum's donation of 18 mannequins enabled new photography of collection artifacts including new acquisitions such as Mizzou Golden Girl Uniforms (page 7), Mizzou student designs for Champion Apparel, adaptive apparel, and more (page 6)!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE for our **GOLDEN GALA** on April 13, 2024! Celebrate our one-of-a-kind Ginger Rogers collection and related Mizzou student apparel and floral design scholarship during a "Day of Ginger!" See page 2 for more details!

Enjoy these and other highlights from 2023 at the MHCTC! - Nicole Johnston, Curator



DAY OF GINGER & GOLDEN GALA!



On April 13, 2024, the MHCTC's "Day of Ginger" activities include:

- **Free Film Screening:** *Top Hat* (1935) with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire; Forum 8 Theatre; Free ticket and small drink/popcorn.
- **Free Exhibition:** *Ginger Rogers: Dressed to Impress*; March - May 2024, Center for Missouri Studies; free and open to the public
 - Features Ginger Rogers costume and archives and related TAM student designs inspired by Rogers' career
- **Golden Gala:** 7:00pm-10:00pm, Holiday Inn Executive Center
 - An evening highlighting Hollywood's Golden Age of the 1930s when music was catchy, dancing was divine, and fashion was fabulous!
 - Live models wearing TAM student designs and floral headdresses by Plant Science students
 - Floral couture by French Master Florist Frédéric Dupré
 - MU Ballroom Dance Club performances
 - For more Gala information, including ticket costs, visit us online:

www.mhctc.missouri.edu/exhibitions/day-of-

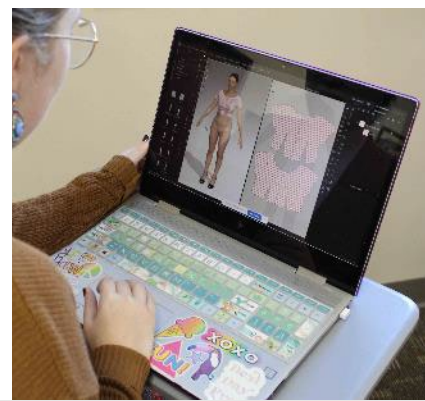


EXHIBITIONS

TAM 2280: DESIGNING WITH GINGER

August - December 2023

Over twenty-seven undergraduate students in TAM 2280 *Apparel Production* were provided a unique opportunity for research and creative scholarship inspired by one-of-a-kind newly-acquired costumes and archives of legendary performer and Missouri-native Ginger Rogers who rose to international stardom on film, stage, television, and radio. Rogers' red and white silk polka dot dress from the 1959 television short film *Tender Shoot* was measured and photographed to create a 3D digital pattern using the department's digitization software CLO3D. Students were required to use either the bodice or skirt pattern, or both, for garments inspired by Rogers' lifelong career. The display incorporated eighteen new mannequins used by the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis! View all student designs online: <https://mhctc.missouri.edu/exhibitions/ginger-rogers-dressed-to-impress/tam-2280/>



MIZZOU MAGAZINE FEATURE: REMIXING GINGER'S GOWNS

The TAM 2280 Ginger Project was highlighted in the Winter 2023 issue of Mizzou's alumni magazine! The feature highlighted the gowns and design processes of two TAM student designers, Eliana Rosario and Tara Owens, who were pictured modeling their unique, Ginger-inspired creations! Read the article online: <https://showme.missouri.edu/2023/remixing-gingers-gowns/> Both student designs were also selected for the 2023 Visual Art and Design Showcase and Chancellor's Arts Showcase!

EXHIBITIONS



MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL EXHIBIT LOANS: TRAILBLAZING MISSOURIANS

In 2023, two MHCTC garments were featured in the Missouri State Capitol Building! Part of the Missouri State Museum's exhibit series "Trailblazing Missourians," the spring exhibit included a 1910s linen suit as part of "Champion of Change: Edna Gellhorn" which showcased Gellhorn's incredible efforts towards women's suffrage. The fall exhibit featured the MHCTC's black suit worn by Ann Covington, the state's first female judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals and on the Supreme Court! Covington made history again when she served as the first female Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court from 1993-95!

MEDIA

Photo gallery: Attic finds

A look back at more than 100 years of classic Mizzou memorabilia.

For Homecoming 2023, [Show Me News](#) highlighted a variety of Mizzou garments from the MHCTC!



Our former Collection Assistant, Annika Rader (BS A&S '23) was highlighted in **Show Me News** on March 20th! Read about Annika's fun experience in the collection: <https://showme.missouri.edu/2023/stitching-together-a-future-in-fashion/>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Columbia Art League Teen Sewing Basics Summer Camp July 20, 2023

The MHCTC participated for the first time in the Columbia Art League's Teen Sewing Basics Summer Camp experience this past July! Approximately eight students from the Columbia community toured the collection and learned about our undergraduate Ginger Rogers Projects and exhibits!



Honors College Tutorial August 29, 2023

An Honors College class of Engineering, Biology and Chemistry students toured the Collection and current exhibit in July! It's always such fun to introduce the varied avenues of apparel research and creativity to students in the hard sciences!

American Quilt Study Group, Missouri Chapter September 15, 2023

The MHCTC's unique Cornett Quilt Collection and Ginger Rogers Collection were displayed for members of the Missouri Chapter of the American Quilt Study Group in September. Guests enjoyed a hands-on experience with the Cornett Family quilts that span three generations of quilters from one Missouri farming family



4-H Fashion Revue TAM Experience October 14, 2023

MHCTC Curator Nicole Johnston, members of the TAM Graduate Student Association and six TAM undergraduate students hosted over 30 middle and high school students from across the state as part of this year's 4-H Fashion Revue! 4-H'ers toured TAM spaces while learning about design projects, research and technology in TAM from our undergraduate students, many of whom practiced their design project presentations for ITAA and TAM Advisory Board.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

The MHCTC accepted 65 garment and accessory objects into its permanent collection in 2023, as well as numerous archival fashion books, catalogs, and more! The Missouri History Museum in St. Louis also donated 18 free mannequins to the MHCTC which were immediately put to good use photographing new and past acquisitions!



TOMMY HILFIGER Adaptive Shirt (2023; Gift of N. Johnston) and **NO LIMBITS Wheelchair Pant** (2023; Gift of E. Cole, No Limbits)



NEW MIZZOU ARTS & SCIENCE PLAID SAMPLES
Plaid design by TAM students Grace Blanton and Jessica Ogboh (2022/23)



MU WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SWEATSHIRT WITH TAM-DESIGNED LOGO Design by TAM Student Ally George (2023) Gift of Gear for Sports



MIZZOU CHAMPION VAULT COLLECTION VINTAGE APPAREL Designs by TAM Students (2022 and 2023)

NEW ACQUISITIONS

MIZZOU GOLDEN GIRL UNIFORM COLLECTION

Gift of Mizzou Athletics

The MHCTC now preserves sixteen uniforms from the Golden Girl archives at Mizzou! Originally a twirling troupe of six to eight women who first wore gold sequined leotards in 1965, the squad became the high-kicking dance team it is today in 1970 when they traded batons for pom poms. Shown at left is an original sequined leotard from the early 1970s with satin tailcoat, top hat and walking stick. Original twirlers wore crowns with their sequins, one of which is now preserved in our collection along with a gold sequin uniform and pair of white Gogo boots from 2023! The Mizzou Golden Girls were inducted into the University of Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in February 2023.

The collection includes both football and basketball uniforms as well as uniforms from each of the three national dance team championship winning squads from 1991 (lower left), '92 (lower middle) and '03 (upper middle)!



INTRODUCING NEW UNDERGRADUATE COLLECTION ASSISTANT SARAH LAWRENCE!

In her first semester as Collection Assistant, Textile and Apparel Management junior Sarah Lawrence helped catalog, photograph and store new acquisitions, as well as photograph existing garments and student designs on mannequins. Sarah also assisted Curator Nicole Johnston with numerous Ginger Rogers Student Design Projects over the course of 2023, photographing student progress in over six TAM classes, attending final critiques and helping select garments for the upcoming Ginger Rogers exhibition.



MHCTC ENDOWMENT

Each of the MHCTC's 7,000 apparel and textile artifacts and 4,000 archival resources must be properly preserved for future generations. Contributions to **the MISSOURI HISTORIC COSTUME AND TEXTILE COLLECTION ENDOWMENT** enable appropriate collection management and preservation standards in climate-controlled facilities, as well as continued educational and exhibition programming. Partner with us by giving to the MHCTC Endowment as part of the COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE: https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/Item.aspx?item_id=61.

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