

Gift of Frances Helen Dafoe, 2013

Dates of creation:

ca. 1967-1995

Extent:

13 boxes, 2 large items (2.5 metres)

Scope and content:

This second accession to the Frances Dafoe contains original colour sketches, fabric swatches and photographs of costume designs for shows designed by Frances Dafoe for performances as well as individual figure skaters including herself, Lloyd Eisler, Isabelle Brasseur, Brian Orser, Elizabeth Manley, Elena Bechke, Denis Petrov, Jacqueline Petr, Mark Janoschak, Ekaterina Gordeeva, Sergei Grinkov, Tracy Wilson, Rob McCall, and Jeff Langdon.

Contains series:

- Costume Design for Productions
- Individual Costume Designs
- Oversized Individual Costume Designs
- Oversized Production Designs
- Audio-visual Materials
- Other Materials
- Additional Sketches

Productions:

1. Encore (1987-89)

Confederation Centre Theatre Charlottetown Prince Edward Island.

Includes: script, costume breakdown with many changes, 26 coloured photographs, 2 original costume designs, original advertisement and 17 coloured slides.

2. The Snow Queen (1975-1984)

CBC. Concept by Frances Dafoe. Written by Frances Dafoe and Joyce Hisey.

Proposal first made to CBC in 1975 to use the amateur top skaters in a 'ballet on ice' with classical music. Includes: all proposals to various television networks, all legal documents, full storyboard and smaller-sized storyboard with 36 photographs with directions beside each, other written concepts by writer Hugh Kemp, all arrangements for Ice space, hourly breakdown.

3. Strawberry Ice (1981-1982)

CBC. Conceived and written by Toller Cranston and Ellen Burka, directed by David Acomba. A unique approach to skating as a 'ballet on ice'. It was shown on many major networks. It introduced a new more experimental form of designs for figure skating costumes. Includes:

script, 44 original design sketches, costing and hourly breakdown, cast list, file of original clippings, folder of 24 'developing design' drawings, and DVD of production.

4. The Magic Planet (1982)

ABC, CBC.

Due to the success of *Strawberry Ice*, the U.S. network ABC contracted individuals connected with the production to work on *The Magic Planet* to be shot in Toronto. Includes: 24 original sketches from the original concept, 43 original costume sketches, 6 developing designs, cast sheet, costume 'bible', call sheets, production sheets, two news clippings, and a DVD of production.

5. The True Gift of Christmas (1985-87)

CBC (produced by Aptel Producers Corporation in association with the CBC)
Starring Toller Cranston as the Spirit of Christmas interpreting legends, magic, music, folklore, and Christmas traditions from various places around the world. Includes: script, rewrites, shooting schedule, 37 original costume design sketches, 9 sketches in development stages, set of 5 news clippings, 1 large storm man sketch, DVD of production.

6. The Skater's Waltz

This production was cancelled by CBC in the middle of the planning sessions. Conceived and written by Toller Cranston. Includes: 1 script, 22 original costume designs.

7. 100 Years Young (1967)

CBC.

A variety special celebrating the beginning of Canada's centennial year. This was CBC's first colour telecast.

Includes note from Frances Dafoe: 'I was sent to New York City to learn about the technical aspects of colour from ABC. It is most interesting to note that the only record of this production is in black and white'.

Includes: 11 coloured photographs, 15 costume sketches, and a black and white DVD of the production.

Custodial history:

Papers were donated to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library in 2012. One previous accession was donated in 2005.

Notes:

Folder descriptions, where necessary, are taken directly from titles given by Frances Dafoe to her own folders.

BOX/FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:
	<u>Costume Design for Productions</u>
	<i>Encore</i> Confederation Centre Theatre, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
1:1	Script
1:2	Script [with annotations]
1:3	Costume design [with notes]
1:4	Costume design photographs (8) 1989
1:5	Costume design photographs (9) 1989
1:6	Costume design photographs (9) 1989
1:7	Fabric swatch 1989
1:8	Drawings
1:9	Slides (20)
1:10	Printed ephemera [1987-89]
	<i>The Snow Queen</i> Concept by Frances Dafoe / Written by Frances Dafoe & Joyce Hisey Proposal first made to CBC in 1975 to use amateur top skaters in a 'ballet on ice' with classical music. Includes: proposals to various television networks; all legal documents; legal agreements; full storyboard with 36 photographs; storyboard in booklet form; other concepts by Hugh Kemp; all arrangements for ice space.
1:11	Program proposal for 'A Ballet on Ice'
1:12	Program proposal – photographs (6)
1:13	Program proposal – photographs (6)
1:14-1:15	Ice Show proposal
1:16	Correspondence: Trican Theatre Management Ltd., re: 'The Snow Queen' 1975
1:17	Notes
1:18-1:20	Agreements, re: 'The Snow Queen'
1:21-1:22	Legal files
1:23-1:26	Correspondence: Damiel Properties Limited 1974-1982

	Re: Registration of 'The Snow Queen'.
1:27-1:28	Correspondence: CBC 1974
1:29	Correspondence: CTV 1975-1976
1:30	Correspondence: WGBH Boston 1982
1:31-1:34	Draft and notes
2:1-2:4	Script drafts
2:5-2:8	Black duo-tang [includes correspondence, script drafts, notes and other information pertaining to 'The Snow Queen']
	<i>The Magic Planet</i> ABC, CTV production
2:9-2:11	Drafts: 'Magic Skates' [working title] 1982
2:12-2:13	Notes: 'Magic Skates' [working title] 1982
2:14	Advanced production schedule 1982
2:15	Information, re: 'Magic Skates' re: Deniece Williams
2:16-2:17	Other information, re: 'Magic Skates'
2:18	Media coverage, re: 'Magic Skates' 1982-83
3:1	Costume design sketch
3:2	Costume design sketch [includes fabric]
3:3-3:19	17 costume design sketches (never used)
	<i>100 Years Young</i>
2:19	Photographs (7)
	<i>The True Gift of Christmas</i> CBC TV
2:20	Design meeting
2:21-2:24	Scripts
2:25	Clippings
3:20-3:28	Designs
	<i>Strawberry Ice</i>

	CBC TV production Conceived and written by Toller Cranston and Ellen Burka Directed by David Acomba
3:29	Script: 'Strawberry Ice' [revised] 1981
3:30	Files, re: Strawberry Ice + Magic Skates
3:31	Print ephemera + 1 photograph
3:32	Clippings
3:33	Cast breakdown
3:34-3:45	Developing designs
3:46-3:52	Sketches (7)
3:53	Clothing swatches
3:54-3:70	Costume designs
3:71	Rehearsal schedule
3:72	Remote taping schedule
	<i>The Skater's Waltz</i> Conceived and written by Toller Cranston This production was cancelled by CBC in the middle of the planning sessions.
3:73	Draft: 'The Skater's Waltz' [with note that says: 'it never happened']
3:74-3:86	13 costume design sketches
	<i>The Choice (by: Henry Denker)</i> A CBC TV production
3:89-3:91	Script: 'The Choice' [Breakdown of scenes and script]
3:92	Clipping
3:93	Cast list
	<i>Robin Hood (by: Rich Little)</i>
4:1	Production list
4:2	Sketch: Robin Hood (Groucho Marx) 1982
4:3	Sketch: Prince John 1982
4:4-4:6	Sketches: Maid Marion (Carol Channing) 1982
4:7	Sketch: Will Scarlett (Chico Marx)

	1982
4:8	Sketch: John Wayne 1982
4:9	Sketch: King Richard (Richard Nixon) 1982
4:10	Sketch: Little John (John Wayne) 1982
4:11	Sketch: Prince John (H. Bogart) 1982
4:12	Sketch: Sir Guy of Gisbourne – Inspector Clouseau 1982
4:13	Sketch: Jester
4:14-4:21	8 costume design sketches
4:22-4:24	Costume design sketches (photocopies)
4:25	Media coverage [clipping] 1983
	<u>Individual Costume Designs</u>
	Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov
4:26-4:27	Costume design sketch + fabric
	Jeffrey Langdon
4:28	Costume design sketches (2) 1993
4:29	Invoices 1993
4:30-4:31	Costume design 1993
	Elizabeth Manley
4:32	Costume design sketches (4)
4:33	Photographs of costumes (7) + 1 article
4:34-4:35	Costume design sketches [photocopies] with fabric swatch
4:36-4:37	Invoices 1992
	Denis Petrov
4:38	Costume design sketch 1994
	Elena Bechke & Denis Petrov
4:39	Costume design [sketch]

	1994
4:40	5 black and white design sketches
4:41	6 black and white photocopies
4:42	Correspondence 1995
	Jacqueline Petr & Mark Janoschak
4:43	Costume design sketches (12)
4:44	Photocopied design sketches (2)
4:45	Invoice
	Brian Orser
4:46	Costume design [1 photograph, 1 sketch]
4:47	Costume design [fabric swatches, cost information]
	Elvis Stojko
4:48	Costume design sketches (2)
4:49	Daily record of purchases and rentals for programs
	Isabelle Brasseur & Lloyd Eisler
4:50-4:51	Isabelle Brasseur – 2 costume design sketches
4:52-4:54	Lloyd Eisler – 3 costume design sketches
4:55	1 news clipping
	OVERSIZED
	Oversized Individual Costume Designs
	Frances Dafoe
5:1-5:8	8 original costume designs for Frances Dafoe
	Lloyd Eisler & Isabelle Brasseur
5:9	Isabelle Brasseur - costume design sketch
5:10	Lloyd Eisler – costume design sketch
	Brian Orser
5:11-5:17	7 costume design sketches
5:18	1 photograph
	Elizabeth Manley
5:19	Practice dress – Olympics

	1988
5:20-5:21	2 costume design sketches for 'Dear Elizabeth'
5:22-5:23	2 costume design sketches
	Elena Bechke and Denis Petrov
5:24-5:26	Elena Bechke – 3 costume design sketches 1994
5:27	Denis Petrov – 1 costume design sketch
	Tracy Wilson and Rob McCall
5:28	Costume design – Tracy Wilson [sketch]
5:29	Costume design –Rob McCall [sketch]
5:30	2 photographs of original design
	Other
5:31-5:45	Other original costume designs for Canadian competitive skaters unnamed [some include fabric swatches]
	<u>Oversized Production Designs</u>
	100 Years Young
6:1-6:14	14 costume design sketches 1967
	Encore
6:15	Encore – costume design [sketch] 1989
	The Magic Planet
6:16-6:25	10 costume design sketches (never used)
6:26-6:31	5 developing costume design sketches
6:32-672	14 costume design sketches [including designs for Toller Cranston and John Rait]
	Rich Little's Robin Hood
7:1-7:2	2 costume design sketches
	The Skater's Waltz
7:3-12	10 costume design sketches
	The Snow Queen
7:13-7:24	Storyboard

	Strawberry Ice
7:25-7:50 8:1-8:9	35 costume design sketches [some include fabric swatches] unrecognizable
	The True Gift of Christmas CBC TV
8:10-8:47	37 costume design sketches [includes some fabric swatches]
	<u>Audio-Visual Materials</u>
Box 9	1 VHS: Rich Little's <i>Robin Hood</i> 1 VHS: <i>Strawberry Ice</i> 1 DVD: Rich Little's <i>Robin Hood</i> 1 DVD: <i>Magic Planet</i> 2 DVDs: <i>Strawberry Ice</i> 1 DVD: <i>The Gift of Christmas</i>
	<u>Other Materials</u>
Box 10	Book for Rich Little's <i>Robin Hood</i> (1983) which contains estimates (direct and labour) as well as fabric swatches for all of the costumes, and costume design sketches. 2 Charlottetown Festival programmes 1989 *Notes about this donation written by Frances Dafoe in a folder
Box 11	Skate guards and fabric swatches
	<u>Additional Sketches</u>
	Note: These sketches are arranged according to a list that was provided by Frances Dafoe. The original list is in a folder at the top of Box 12.

	Wayne & Shuster (CBC TV)
12:1	Antoinette (Carol Robinson) – <i>Cyrano</i>
12:2	Roxanne (Renee Cherier) – <i>Cyrano</i>
	Johnny & Frank – Girls Band
12:3	Sketch
12:3	Horse 1977
12:4	Spanish man
12:5	Spanish woman
12:6	Spanish girl
	Wayne & Shuster/Johnny Wayne – The Brown Pumpernickle (CBC Retrospective)
12:7	Design sketches for Wayne & Shuster retrospective
12:8	Sketches (2) 2010
12:9	Sir Percy Fink
12:10	Doreen Kohl
12:11	Renee Cherier
12:12	Cyrano
12:13	Lister the Jester
12:14	Brutus [April 1976]
12:15	Marcel Marceau
12:16	Maggie Morris – <i>One of a Kind</i>
12:17	[Harvey Northmore?]
	Strawberry Ice (CBC TV)
12:18-12:19	Animal sketches
	1988 Winter Olympics Closing Ceremonies
12:20-12:23	4 original sketches
	Johnny Belinda Confederation Centre Theatre (CBC TV)
13:1	Dr. Jack Davidson
13:2	Belinda
13:3	Stella [wedding dress]
13:4	Stella [everyday dress]
	The Trial of Red Riding Hood (CBC TV)
13:5	Wolf [Alan Thicke]
13:6	Wolfgang and the Wolf [Alan Thicke and ?]

	True Gift of Christmas (CBC TV)
13:7	Candy Cane [appeared later on FD's Christmas card]
	Royal Ballet Nutcracker (CBC TV)
13:8	Clara
	Mary Queen of Scots Confederation Centre Theatre O'Keefe Centre 1971-1972
13:9	Darnley in full armour (Michael Burgess)
	Windsor Confederation Centre Theatre
13:10	Wallis Simpson (Sherry Flett)
13:11	Lady Montague
	Yea Gods Confederation Centre Theatre
13:12	3 character sketch
	Singin and Dancin Tonight
13:13	2 dancer sketch
13:14	3 dancer sketch
13:15	[modern dance outfit?]
	Encore
13:16	Special costume for principal
	Life can be Like Wow – Confederation Theatre
13:17	Zen dancer
	Les Feux Follets – Confederation Centre Theatre (CBC TV)
13:18-13:20	3 costume design proposals for a Scottish number
	Other
13:21	Keith Hampshire [show unknown]
13:22	Cat [show unknown]
13:23	Outside sketch for 'Singers'
13:24-13:30	Unknown Show
13:31-13:33	Unknown

Two large items:

2 oversized costume-sketch drawings