## **CONDITION REPORT**

Object info: Lion Wig

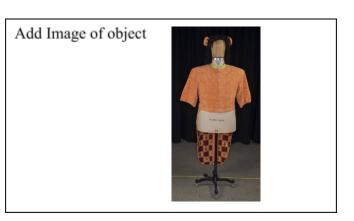
Accession #: TheWiz\_Object\_04

Date created: January 2003

Collection: Oberlin College Theater Department Costume Collection

Donor:

Location: Oberlin College Theater Department Costume Closet



## **Dimensions (in):**

Length: 11 in.
Width: 9 in.
Height: 19.5 in.

## **Description:**

Wig and attached ears for the Cowardly Lion from a 2003 production of the Wiz by the Oberlin College Theater Department. The Wiz is an adaptation of The Wizard of Oz story meant to imagine the characters in a uniquely Black context. The show's atmosphere, including the costumes, reflects various cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora. Each of the principal characters were imagined with touches of Yoruba deities and each had their own color of the rainbow, with the tawny of the lion translated into a bright, joyous orange. The wig is styled into mid-length locs, creating the effect of the Lion's mane in a distinctly Black way. The orange chenille used to create the ears matches the material of the associated tailcoat, pulling the ensemble together.

<b>Condition</b>			Remarks
□ Abrasions □ Accretions □ Creasing □ Crocking □ Cut/tear □ Deterioration □ Discoloration □ Embrittlement □ Fading	☐ Fold ☐ Fraying ☐ Hole ☐ Insect Damage ☐ Label ☐ Loss ☐ Mold/mildew ☐ Oxidation ☐ Particulates	☐ Previous repairs ☐ Shattered ☐ Soot ☐ Stain ☐ Stiffness ☐ Unidirectional ☐ Unstable dyes ☐ Weak seam ☐ Other:	Wig and ears are in good condition, no rusting on bobby pins
Materials  XAcrylic Bamboo Canvas Chiffon Cotton Corduroy Crochet Denim	☐ Jersey ☐ Kevlar ☐ Knit ☐ Lace ☐ Leather ☐ Linen ☐ Metal ☐ Muslin	☐ Rayon ☐ Satin ☐ Silk ☐ Spandex ☐ Suede ☐ Tweed ☐ Velvet ☐ Wool	Remarks  Purchased Rastafarian style wig (acrylic fibers), styled with black elastics and black metal bobby pins; Ears: cotton chenille, dye, thread
☐ Feather ☐ Fur ☐ Hemp	□ Nylon □ Plastic □ Polyester	□ Woven □ Unknown □ Other:	

<u>Storage</u>	Remarks
Digital Documentation:	Remarks Archival style photos, dynamic photos, and 3D Model scan

Examiner: _	Mimi Montefiore	Date of Examination:	1/12/23

**Exhibit History:** 

**Post Exhibit Condition:**