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Summary information

Repository:	Fashion Institute of Technology-SUNY, Gladys Marcus Library, Special Collections
Title:	Arnold Scaasi fashion sketches and swatches, 1966-1992
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Born Arnold Isaacs in Montreal (he deliberately reversed his name to sound Italian), the son of a furrier began his career at the renowned Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture Parisienne college in Paris. Upon his graduation, he came to New York to work with Charles James before striking out on his own. In addition to Mamie Eisenhower and Laura Bush, he has dressed Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton, as well as Joan Crawford, Elizabeth Taylor, Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, Lauren Bacall, Brooke Astor, Diahann Carroll, Catherine Deneuve, Arlene Francis, and Mary Tyler Moore. -CFDA

Scope and content

This collection contains both original and photocopied sketches by Arnold Scaasi ranging from 1966-1992. Each sketch is accompanied by a fabric swatch and is separated into 21 folders by the collection season (i.e., Boutique Fall 92). Fabric content is often noted alongside an indication of its use. For example "Printed silk dress and jacket - dress has printed silk ruffle at neckline with white guipure lace edging. Jacket has matching ruffle cuffs." Included in some folders are pricelist, order forms and handwritten notes.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 22 folders: Spring 1966; Couture 1967; Fall 1976 800 Series; Spring 1977; Fall 1977; Spring 1978; Summer Couture 1978; Resort, Spring, Summer [1980s]; Spring Resort 1984; Spring 1984; Spring 1984 Late day and evening; Spring 1985; Resort, Holiday 1986; Fall 1986; Fall 1986; Resort 1988; Fall 1989; Fall 1989; Fall 1992 Boutique; Fall 1992 Boutique; Spring/Summer 1992 Made to Order; and Loose items.

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Access points

- Accessories (Dress) (subject)
- Fashion drawing--United States (subject)
- Dresses--History--20th century--Pictorial works (subject)
- Evening gowns (subject)
- Fashion design--United States History 20th century (subject)
- Fashion design--United States--History--20th century--Pictorial works (subject)

- Fashion illustration (subject)
- Women's clothing--United States--History--20th century--Pictorial works (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
Folder SC.297.1: Spring 1966				
<u>Date</u> : 1966 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> :				
This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1966. Collection details include: checks, florals, pleats, polka dot.				
<u>Physical description</u> : 1 folder				
<u>Publication status</u> :				
Published				
File / item list				
Folder SC.297.2: Couture 1967				
<u>Date</u> : 1967 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> :				
This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Couture 1967. Collection details include: argyle, beaded velvet, double wool, metallics, printed silks, velvets.				
<u>Physical description</u> : 1 folder				
<u>Publication status</u> :				
Published				
File / item list				
Folder SC.297.3: Fall 1976 800 Series				
<u>Date</u> : 1977 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> :				
This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1976. Collection details include: Bridal kimono, embroidery, knits, plaids, sequins, tweed.				

<p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.4: Spring 1977</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1977 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1977. Collection details include: Floral appliques, taffetas.</p> <p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.5: Fall 1977</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1977 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1977. Collection details include: "rounded tunic" (bubble), tweeds, warp prints.</p> <p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.6: Spring 1978</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1978 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1978. Collections details include: embroidery, printed silks.</p>

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

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File / item list

Folder SC.297.7: Summer Couture 1978

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Summer Couture 1978. Collections details include: embroidery, printed silks.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.8: Resort, Spring, Summer [1980s]

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Resort, Spring, Summer 1980s. Collection details include: florals, polka dot, printed tulle.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.9: Spring Resort 1984

Date: 1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring Resort 1984. Swatches 829-865 have no sketch attached.

<p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.10: Spring 1984</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1984 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1984. Collection details include: crepe, faux leather, lame, moire, velvet.</p> <p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.11: Spring 1984 Late day and evening</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1984 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1984. Collection details include: florals, lace, polka dot, sequins, star prints.</p> <p><u>Physical description</u>: 1 folder</p> <p><u>Publication status</u>:</p> <p>Published</p>
File / item list
<p>Folder SC.297.12: Spring 1985</p> <p><u>Date</u>: 1985 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content</u>:</p> <p>This folder contains sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Spring 1985. Design details include: checks & stripes, embroidery, sequins tulle.</p>

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.13: Resort, Holiday 1986

Date: 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains sketches of garments only, (no swatches) mostly dresses and day ensembles from Holiday/ Resort 1986.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.14: Fall 1986

Date: 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains only photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1986--no swatches.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.15: Fall 1986

Date: 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1986. Collection details include: stripes, polka dots, velvets, lame, and sequins.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.16: Resort 1988

Date: 1988 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Resort 1988. Collection details include: florals, pleats and tucks, sequins.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.17: Fall 1989

Date: 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1989. Collection details include: Argyle check, Tartan, tweed and herringbone tweed. Handwritten notes are attached to some sketches.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.18: Fall 1989

Date: 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Fall 1989. Collection details include: embroidery, lace, sequins, solids, tassels

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.19: Fall 1992 Boutique

Date: 1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains photocopied sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Boutique Fall 1992. Also included are pricelists and order forms detailing material and labor costs.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.20: Fall 1992 Boutique

Date: 1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains sketches of garments, mostly dresses and day ensembles from Boutique Fall 1992. Also included are pricelists and order forms detailing material and labor costs.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Folder SC.297.21: Spring/Summer 1992 Made to Order

Date: 1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This folder contains only photocopied sketches of garments from Spring/Summer 1992--no swatches.

Physical description: 1 folder

<u>Publication status:</u> Published
File / item list
Folder SC.297.22: Loose items <u>Date:</u> undated (date of creation) <u>Scope and content:</u> This folder contains 3 loose swatches <u>Physical description:</u> 1 folder <u>Publication status:</u> Published
File / item list