Theatre Arts Costume Shop Donation Guidelines:

California Lutheran University welcomes donations of wardrobe/costume pieces, as well as wigs and Theatrical makeup. Please contact us through the University Advancement Office with any pieces you would like to donate.

The Advancement office can be contacted here:

https://www.callutheran.edu/giving/team/

See below for some guidelines on wardrobe donations.

In order to keep the costume collection at a manageable size in our storage, we are asking for donations of items that would be most frequently useful and more difficult to come across when needed.

Modern clothing is readily available in actors’ closets so we don’t need to keep these things in stock. If an item has sentimental value and you need to see the items used in a specific manner, the CLU collection is not a good place for it. Please note, there is a lot of wear and tear on stage costumes.

Highly useful:
- Fabric: best if at least 4 yards but as small as 1 or 2 yards is good.
- Notions and trims: lace, ribbon, buttons, snaps, zippers, velcro…
- Crinolines/hoop skirts/slips
- Mens two and three piece suits
- Womens skirt suits in large sizes (to be made over into frock coats)
- Jewelry, Men’s cufflinks and watches
- Distinctive uniforms – cheerleader/nurse/maid etc.
- Granny style boots

Send a photo to let us take a look at:
- Vintage clothing
- Coats
- Cocktail dresses

We suggest that you donate to Goodwill/Salvation Army or charity of your choice any items that CLU cannot use

Please note:
Storage and stage life is hard on costumes and even harder on vintage clothing. Being able to look at an original piece can be invaluable to a costumer to understand how clothes were made, but putting the pieces on the stage can be nerve wracking knowing
that valuable pieces are likely to be damaged. If you’d like to make a vintage piece available to the costumers & the costume classes, consider giving it CLU to be studied. Another option would be to auction/sell the item and donate the proceeds to the Theatre Arts Costuming Dept for supplies.

When donating you relinquish the right to ask for any donated items back again and also relinquish the right to decide how the items are used.

We want to thank you for your generosity and support of our Theatre Arts Department.