James Galanos sketches for
Jimi Originals, probably 1950
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Collection Overview

Repository: Kellen Design Archives

Creator: Galanos, James, 1924-

Creator: Jimi Originals.

Title: James Galanos sketches for Jimi Originals

Date: probably 1950

Extent: 0.1 linear ft: 1 folder

Summary: In 1950, fashion designer James Galanos (1924-) started Jimi Originals with Mary Scourby. The company only existed for a short time, but it was the first company to market Galanos' creations under his name. The collection consists of twelve Jimi Originals fashion sketches as well as invoices and notes. Galanos was a critic at Parsons School of Design from 1962 to 1968.
Biographical note

James Galanos was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1924. After studying at the Traphagen School from 1942-1943, he was hired as an assistant by the designer Hattie Carnegie. He was employed at Columbia Pictures, Robert Piguet, and Davidow, among other short-term projects, during the remainder of the decade.

In 1950, Galanos started Jimi Originals with a friend, Mary Scourby. The company only existed for a short time, but it was the first company to market Galanos' creations under his name. In 1951, Galanos moved to Los Angeles, where he established Galanos Originals. He received the Coty American Fashion Critics Award in 1954 and again in 1956, before his induction into the Coty American Hall of Fame in 1959. He received the Council of Fashion Designers of America Lifetime Achievement Award in 1985. James Galanos served as a visiting critic in the Parsons School of Design Fashion Design Department from 1962-1968.

Scope and Contents of Collection

The twelve sketches in the collection are executed in pencil and depict women's blouses, dresses, skirts, and suits. The collection also includes two business cards for Jimi Originals, receipts from garment and textiles manufacturers, and itemized lists of expenses dating from May and June 1950.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
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Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Genre(s)
• Ephemera.
• Sketches.

Occupation(s)
• Fashion designers.

Subject(s)
• Clothing trade -- New York (State) -- New York.
• Fashion design.
• Women's clothing -- United States -- 20th century.

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