Portrait of Sophie Gimbel, circa 1961
KA.0113

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Collection Overview

Repository: Kellen Design Archives

Creator - Artist: Bouché, René, 1905-1963

Creator: Vogue (New York).

Title: Portrait of Sophie Gimbel

Date [inclusive]: circa 1961

Extent: 0.1 linear ft: 1 illustration (18 1/2 x 25 inches)

Preferred Citation note

[Identification of item], [date (if known)], Portrait of Sophie Gimbel, KA.0113, box __, folder __, New School Archives and Special Collections, The New School, New York, New York.
Biographical note

Sophie Gimbel (1898-1981) was a stylist and fashion designer for Saks Fifth Avenue's Salon Moderne before marrying Saks' president, Adam L. Gimbel, in 1931. After their marriage, she continued designing under her own label. In 1947, she became the first American fashion designer featured on the cover of *Time* magazine and, in 1965, she designed Lady Bird Johnson's gown for President Lyndon B. Johnson's inauguration. She retired from Saks Fifth Avenue in 1969. Beginning with its 1974 dedication, the art and design library of Parsons School of Design was named for Adam and, later, Sophie Gimbel.

René Robert Bouché was born in Prague, but spent much of his professional career in France. He was widely associated with French *Vogue* magazine, for which he contributed fashion illustrations until 1941, when he immigrated to the United States. Bouché continued contributing to American *Vogue*, in addition to illustrating advertisements for Saks Fifth Avenue and CBS. He was also a sought-after portraitist. René Robert Bouché died in England in 1963.

Scope and Content of Collection


Prior to the 2014 closure of the Adam and Sophie Gimbel Design Library, a framed reproduction of this illustration hung on a column at the entrance to Parsons School of Design's library in 2 West 13th Street.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Kellen Design Archives April 29, 2011

Conditions Governing Access note
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Use Restrictions
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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Donated by Helen O'Hagen, Saks Fifth Avenue executive, 1997.
Related Materials

Other fashion illustrations by René Robert Bouché, including a sketch of Sophie Gimbel being fitted at Saks Fifth Avenue, are held in the New School Archives' René Bouché fashion illustrations (KA.0038).

Publicity materials for Sophie Gimbel's fashion lines will be found in the Saks Fifth Avenue fashion publicity records (KA.0018). The New School Archives also maintains a designer file on Sophie Gimbel, in Designer files collection (PC.08.04.01).

Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Corporate Name(s)
- Saks Fifth Avenue (New York, N.Y.).

Genre(s)
- Drawings.
- Portraits.

Personal Name(s)
- Gimbel, Sophie, 1898-1981 -- Pictorial works

Subject(s)
- Fashion designers -- United States -- 20th century -- Pictorial works.
- Fashion drawing.

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