

COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD

I.A.T.S.E. LOCAL 892:

A BRIEF HISTORY

The **COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD** aspires to raise the stature of the Costume Design profession within the entertainment community commensurate with the incalculable contribution Costume Designers make to each motion picture, television, or commercial, illuminating the characters with accuracy and integrity, thereby enhancing the story.

The Costume Designers Guild was founded in 1953 by a group of 30 passionate motion picture Costume Designers who found strength in joining forces, responding to the changing needs of the motion picture industry. Today its membership includes approximately 750 Costume Designers, Assistant Costume Designers, and Illustrators working throughout the world in every kind of moving picture including motion picture, television, animation, commercials, and music video.

Approximately 500 members live in the greater Los Angeles Area. From 1953 to 1976, at the close of the "Golden Age" of Hollywood, the Guild functioned as an independent organization, promoting costume designers and negotiating independent contracts with the major studios to protect members with a minimum wage and health plan as the transition was made from studio employee to freelance designer. The demands of television production schedules also influenced the development of the Guild as changes occurred in the television industry during this period. In 1976, when its membership grew to nearly 100, the Costume Designers Guild affiliated with The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE or simply IA), and became IA Local 892. This secured broader bargaining power for the Guild. IATSE has international jurisdiction in both the United States and Canada. Local 892 is just one of the Hollywood Locals under the IATSE umbrella.

The Costume Designers Guild promotes research, artistry, and technical expertise in costume design in the field of moving pictures whether it is animation, commercial, television, motion picture, music video or any future media utilizing moving images. The Costume Designers Guild produces a glamorous annual awards program (now in its tenth year) recognizing excellence in costume design with five competitive awards for commercials, television, and motion pictures. Legendary designers are inducted into the Costume Designers Guild Hall of Fame and honorary awards are presented.

Please visit us at www.costumedesignersguild.com for continuing updates and information.

Mary Rose is presently serving as President of the Costume Designers Guild.