Evening jacket - Circus

Object: Evening jacket

Place of origin: Paris (made)

Date: February 1938 (made)

Artist/Maker: Elsa Schiaparelli, born 1890 - died 1973 (designer)

Materials and Techniques: Wool marocain with mirrored paillettes

Credit Line: Given by Miss Ruth Ford

Museum number: T.392-1974

Gallery location: In Storage

Descriptive line
Evening jacket of wool, designed by Schiaparelli, Paris, February 1938. (Circus collection)

Physical description
Evening jacket of black wool marocain with mirrored paillettes.

Dimensions
Length: 47 cm

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Object history note
Ref. Paris Centre de Documentation de Costume, Schiaparelli, Album no 19, 1938, p.49

An original design patent photograph of this jacket is held in our archives. It is illustrated in Janet Arnold's A Handbook of Costume, London, 1973, p.80.

Glass and mirror embellishment in the form of lamb chops. Cut of the jacket at the upper chest follows the shape of the lamb chop embroidery. The buttons are hanging similar to those on the hydrangea jacket. Buttons not functional—jacket closes with hooks and eyes

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