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OBJECT NAME	Fez
DATE CREATED	1950s
MATERIAL	Wool
OBJECT ENTITIES	GEMSCO, NYC (created by) LOUIS VELLO, Carolyn Vello O'Connell (owned by) O'Connell, Carolyn (is related to) Vello, Louis (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	fez Tassel

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Burgandy Fez, yellow "Ahepa 93" and embroidered Ahepa crest. Blue and white tassel.

The tassel is half cream color string and half teal string. Close to the top is mostly cream string tied around the mass of string. It is attached to the hat by a thicker cream colored string.

The hat is made of a felt wool material and is a maroon color. The outside of the hat has a little tube made of the material that is on the top of the hat to connect the tassel to the body of the hat. On the front of the hat there are the letters "AHEPA" embroidered in gold string. The word is curved. The numbers "93" are beneath it. Under "93" there is a patch of a gray bird on top of a green reef surrounding a navy blue cross with two gray swords crossed behind it. The cross is outlined in gold string and gold string is coming out of the cross in all directions. On the outside of the reef is lined with brown string.

The rim of the inside of the hat is lined with brown leather. On one side there is a large white cloth square sewed to the hat with the words "GEMSCO" and the address which is surrounded by a reef. At the very top of the hat there is a metal clip.

ORIGIN

This Fez was donated on the behalf of Louis Vello who brought it over from Greece in the early 1950s.

The Fez was created by the Greeks and was popular on the Greek Islands. Later, the Ottoman Empire adopted the hat in order to modernize. However, in 1925 the Fez was banned in Turkey in efforts to modernize. Between 1400-1700, the Fez was used as head armor during war time.

The Fez is part of the Amalia style of dress. The look includes a loose-fitting shirt, an embroidered vest, and fustanella which is a skirt-like garment. The stocking is part of a child's Foustanelle. The Foustanelle is the official uniform of the Evzones who are the Presidential Guards. The Foustanelle is the official costume for men.

CITATION

Fez, 1950s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 03/29/24.