



OBJECT ID	2007.42.2.3
OBJECT NAME	Skirt, Foustanella
DATE CREATED	1950s
MATERIAL	Cotton
OBJECT ENTITIES	Vellos, Louis (owned by) O'Connell, Carolyn (is related to) Vellos, Louis (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Skirt

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

CREAM PLEATED SKIRT WORN AS PART OF CHILDREN'S FOUSTANELLA

The cream skirt is made with cream colored knitted cotton. There are fifty pleats. There is a small hem along the bottom of the skirt with cream line. The skirt is not sown together, at the top of each end there are two strings to tie the skirt together. The right string is longer than the left string. The pleats begin about an inch from the top and above the pleats are different Greek things in blue painting. The paintings have been faded. There is a Greek Meander, some Greek letters, and one side of a person. The person is in the middle of the hem and the meanders and letters on on both sides. The hem is further down on the top in order for the string to be thread through.

ORIGIN

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

The Foustanella has believed to come from Ancient Greece because there was an statue in 3rd BC that wore a pleated skirt. It is know that Foustanella was worn in 12th Century. Originally, it was worn by a soldier or a person of high importance. In the 19th Century, costumes became popular and the lightweight of the Foustanella made it favorable with the wealthy class. However, but the late 19th century styles were coming over from Western Eruope and the Foustanella was seen as outdated. In the 18 and 19th Centuries the skirt was below the knees and was put in the garters and placed into boots to create a bloused look. Later skirts were created to be above the knee.

The skirt is part of the Amalia style of dress. The look includes a loose-fitting shirt, an embroidered vest, Tsarouxia (shoe), and Fez (hat) . The stocking is part of a child's Foustanella. The Foustanella is the official uniform of the Evzones who are the Presidential Guards. The Foustanella is the official costum for men.

CITATION

Skirt, Foustanella, 1950s, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/16/24.