

Fashionable vestments with enduring designs

Weavers of former times created garments with designs that embodied ancestral power. Today, contemporary makers of regalia combine modern fabrics and materials with ancient designs to create fashionable feast and dance apparel. Donned by leaders, dancers and even appreciators of the Northwest Cultures, this special clothing secures us to place, social position and affiliations through binding threads that pass between ancestor and descendant.

Basketry Hat

Primrose Adams, Haida

1995

Spruce root

1996-40/1

Eagle Wing Dress

Dorothy Grant and Robert Davidson, Haida

1989-90

Wool, thread, silk

2003-84/1

Ravenstail Potlatch Bag

Marie Oldfield, Haida and Tsimshian

ca. 2000

Wool, suede, abalone, fur, dye

2004-2/98

Gift of Arthur B. Steinman



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