

Moll Flanders Costumes

This is exciting to be looking at costumes! This is setting out what WAOS will provide and what you will need to get.

The basic costumes will be provided, but there are items you will be expected to get as WAOS does not provide them (footwear, hosiery, jewellery and hair).

As a matter of fact, if you are doing stage work, **as your basic kit, for the ladies, you should have a pair of each black and beige character shoes and a long and short petticoat.** These items are regularly used for the various shows we do. For the gentlemen, it is easier, a pair of stage black shoes.

Costumes have always very much mattered to me, because this is one of the components that makes a show stand out. It means paying attention to the correct shape, colour and design, and simple things as matching accessories and ...ironing! This also applies to hair style.

LADIES:

- WAOS:
 - 2 basic costumes, one plain and one elegant. Accessories from wardrobe can then be added as needed
 - Some hired with possibly a third costume
 - Principals will likely need additional costumes

- You:
 - I would really like you to have both the beige and black character shoes. Beige is more in character for the elegant costumes while black is better for the plain costume and the whores. I know it is a bit of an expense for cast who have not yet got them, but trust me, they will be used in other shows.
 - Petticoats:
 - The existing WAOS cotton petticoats will be used underneath, but are not sufficient to give the correct volume and shape to a period dress. Hence the net petticoat is needed. And it would be good if the ladies were willing to purchase their own net petticoats. But obviously if this is too much of an expense, we will understand.
 - Long net petticoat white for ALL ladies: 2 options at £7.99 and £10.58 to £13.99. First one better value, but check your size with their chart.
 - We would really like all the all whores plus Daisy, Moll and Mother Midnight, to wear a red, fuchsia or purple petticoat. This is how 18th century whores would be identified, by their petticoats. It would be a nice touch to the costume. But again, if this is too much of an expense, we will understand.
 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/DaisyFormals-Length-Bridal-Wedding-Colors/dp/B019IUZFFW/ref=pd_lpo_vtph_193_lp_img_2?encoding=UTF8&refRID=XFSXAREPJ3TENJ84YRTA
 - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Shimaly-Womens-Wedding-Petticoat-Underskirt/dp/B073JKPDSV>
 - White 60 deniers tights
 - <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/172365847677>
 - We previously used this site for Kiss me Kate and the tights are very good and excellently priced.

MEN

- Black shoes, to which a buckle and a flap will be added
 - Please also consider owning a pair of black character shoes as a basic kit (you don't have the same amount to get as the girls!). They can be used show after show.
 - Below are a few sites from Amazon and Ebay to give you an idea of the style.
- Cheaper but will do fine
 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Round-Leather-Ballroom-Modern-Outsole/dp/B06WVCX4JJ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1546514711&sr=8-1&keywords=male+dance+shoes
- More expensive
 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/DSOL-Standard-Dance-Shoes-DC350501/dp/B01JUHP3NM/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1546514711&sr=8-5&keywords=male+dance+shoes
- Another option
 - https://www.amazon.co.uk/MINITOO-Style-Swing-Leather-Ballroom/dp/B01179IVXK/ref=sr_1_14?ie=UTF8&qid=1546514711&sr=8-14&keywords=male+dance+shoes
- These go to size 12 on Ebay
 - <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Mens-Black-Leather-Patent-Lace-Up-Ballroom-Latin-Dance-Shoes-V101-By-Topline/273481293171?hash=item3facc15d73:m-m-iMMswLmcljuaNdMwX8rug:rk:12:pf:0>
- Tights:
 - We have some at WAOS that were used for Kiss Me Kate, but basically white as per the girls as you will be wearing knee length trousers.
 - <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/172365847677>

HAIR

Lynda, Julie and Martine will be able to advise.

LADIES

We do not really want to use wigs as most of the wigs we have seen look like pantomime wigs and the suitable ones are too pricey. We would also like a more natural look for the ladies. Bearing in mind that the hair style from being a prisoner to an elegant lady to a whore may have to be altered a little for each.

So this is an alternative on U-tube, which I think is do-able for the cast who have medium to long hair
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5s1eYotGN9A>

If you have shorter hair, you partly use the same principle as in the above video but add a hair piece at the back and the one or 2 ringlets at the side.

We have some wigs, hair pieces and ringlets pieces in the wardrobe that can be used if needed.

Simpler hair style:



More complex but rather nice!



MEN

I would like the men to have wigs with the black ribbon at the back.
Unless your hair can be grown long enough to be tied back in the same fashion.

PLANNING

To hold a training session for both hair and make-up for the ladies at some point in March or April.

VISIT TO DEPOT

We will need you to come to the depot in booked slots (2 people per slot) and we will ask you to keep within this time, because we have a huge cast and the costume plan is very complex. Ellen is organising a timetable and will circulate it for you to fill in your slot.

FINALLY...AN APPEAL!

The wardrobe team is looking for:

- Lace, any width, but larger preferred and cream or white
- Lace net curtains
- Corsets and bodices
- Old duvet covers with flower prints
- Curtains with flowers prints
 - <https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=18th+century+fabric+patterns&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwil78bX6-bfAhV05OAKHTONAU8Q7A16BAgEECE&biw=1054&bih=831>



Martine, Cathy and Ellen