



DETAIL OF THE SCREENMATCH ON THE TUNIC



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V's (Hugo Weaving) Screen-matched Hero Costume and Mask with Set of Six Knives Ω

V For Vendetta (2005)

V's (Hugo Weaving) complete, hero costume with a screen-matched tunic and a set of six knives from James McTeigue's V for Vendetta. In a near-future Britain crushed under a totalitarian regime, the masked revolutionary V rescued young media worker Evey (Natalie Portman) and sheltered her in his hidden underground sanctuary, the Shadow Gallery, where he taught her why the state had to fall.

V's signature costume - a stylised homage to real-world Gunpowder Plot mastermind Guy Fawkes - was first introduced in Alan Moore and David Lloyd's original graphic novel of the same title. Working from a script by renowned filmmaking duo The Wachowskis, McTeigue's adaptation became a massive cultural phenomenon upon release, earning more than $134 million at the box office as well as four Saturn Award® nominations, including one for Best Science Fiction Film. It has since become among the most influential films of the 2000s, with V's Fawkes mask and costume - his central ensemble for most of the film - globally-recognised today as a representation of cultural protest and anti-establishment politics.

This extraordinarily rare, complete hero costume is believed to be one of only two in private hands. Each component was custom-fabricated for and worn by Weaving, while its accompanying wardrobe tags place it at the heart of the film.

The hero mask is constructed from fibreglass and hand-inscribed "Hero Mask Semi Matt No 2 (Final)" on its interior, making it one of only four known hand-inscribed hero masks from the film. It features mesh covers over the eyes, mouth, and nostril holes, as well as foam padding on the interior for the wearer's comfort. Unlike the vacuum-formed plastic masks created for the crowd of V's acolytes in the climactic finale, hero fibreglass V masks were individually finished, with subtle differences in their paintwork, the cuts of their eyes, their mouth openings, and the placement of the nostril holes. The finishes of this mask are consistent with the style of mask seen on V in the Shadow Gallery scenes, as well as during his deadly visit to Bishop Lilliman (John Standing).

The long woven-pattern tunic is tagged "'V' Frontopener SC 4-10 / 101pt / 102-104 / 121-126 / 128 / Hugo First Choice," a production record corresponding directly to the scenes for which it was used. "SC 4-10" refers to the sequence in which V donned his costume while Lewis Prothero (Roger Allam) spouted propaganda on The Voice of London; "101pt" refers to the scene in which V first brought Evey to the Shadow Gallery after rescuing her; "102-104" refers to the scene in which V served Evey breakfast, offering her the first glimpses of his scarred hands; "121-126" refers to the scene in which Evey recounted her parents' abductions at the hands of the state; and "128" refers to the scene in which V revealed his motto, "Vi veri universum vivus vici" (or "By the power of truth, I, while living, have conquered the universe"), carved into his mirror frame and enlisted Evey in his 5th of November plot.

This tunic is believed to be the only one to appear in the Shadow Gallery sequences, while the distinctive patterning at the collar screen-matches it to several key shots of V. Additionally, it is designed to fasten at the front, unlike the majority of V's other tunics, which were built to be opened and closed at the back.

The costume also includes:A hat hand-labelled "V 2. Hat."; A hero wig.; A thick black woolen cloak tagged "'V' Black cloak 3/4."; A pair of gloves labeled "Klein."; A pair of black trousers labelled "Hugo Weaving V for Vendetta," along with a production tag reading "Hero."; A black leather knife belt.; A pair of knee-high leather boots labeled "V 2nd Pair of Boots").; Six knives with aluminium blades and cast resin handles.

While the costume as a whole shows evidence of wear throughout consistent with on-set use, handling, and age, including heavy wear on the soles of the shoes, it remains in exceptional overall condition due to careful preservation since production.
Dimensions: (mask) 21.75 cm x 11.5 cm x 12.75 cm (8.5" x 4.5" x 5")

Additional Provenance: Warner Bros. Certificate of Authenticity.

Edged, bladed or blunt object; see notice on Blades in the Terms and Conditions.

Estimate: £75,000 - 150,000



Black trousers labelled Hugo Weaving V for Vendetta" and production tag labelled "Hero"



Guy Fawkes mask labelled Hero Mask Semi Matt No 2 (Final)

