

Venetian Carnival Costumes

By SithVixen and VaderPainter

Our inspiration comes from the several hundred year old tradition of the *Venice Carnival*.



The Carnival of Venice officially began in 1296, when the Senate of the Republic authorized the carnival with an edict declaring the day before Lent as a day of celebration. After a break of almost two centuries, the traditions of the carnival were recovered by the Municipality in 1980 and since then the event has been held with great success each year. The carnival is a celebration that greets the passing of winter into spring, a period in which everything is apparently connected, including the illusion of the more humble classes becoming similar to the powerful, since everyone is disguised behind a mask.

Carnival goers dress in fancy elaborate costumes with masks, hats and gloves. Most costumes rarely show any skin except for the eyes.

Our costumes are an original creation, made with the Venetian Carnival at heart.

Female Costume

worn by Kristen "SithVixen" Caron

Male Costume

worn by Bob "VaderPainter" Bean

- It took over 2 months of construction per outfit with a lot of hand detailing.
- They are both Victorian, 1890's Andrea Schewe patterns
- They are made with over 20yds of Duponi Silk and 12yds of upholstery fabric. The linings are also made of Duponi Silk.
- The fabric is accented with gold braid and red jewels, most of which were sewn or glued on by hand.
- The hats and gloves are hand made out of the same silk and hand decorated to match the costumes.
- The worn masks were made by an artisan and imported from Venice. They were painted and clear coated using professional automotive paints.
- The hand held masks are plain paper mache. We attached them to hand tooled wooden handles, painted them using the same process as the other masks and decorated them to match our costumes.



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