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**THE POSH SALE RETURNS TO THE DESIGN CENTER THIS FALL**  
***Swank Shopping Event Supports Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art***

The POSH Sale—a fundraiser for the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art—will return to The Design Center, 1429 Park St., Hartford, Conn., Nov. 7 – 9. Organized by The Costume & Textile Society of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, The POSH Sale offers gently used designer fashions for men, women, and children; vintage clothing; accessories; and textiles. Items by designers like Armani, Tory Burch, Dior, Dries Van Noten, Hermès and Ralph Lauren will be available for purchase at a considerable price reduction.

“We in The Costume & Textile Society are honored to be the ceremonial guardians of the Costume & Textile Department of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art,” said Joanne Pierce, president. “Through creative fundraisers like The POSH Sale, we have successfully raised considerable funds to preserve and protect the museum’s collection of historic garments and textiles, and remain committed to supporting the cause for years to come.”

POSH Premiere Night will be held Friday, Nov. 7, from 6 – 9 p.m., and will offer exclusive advanced access to merchandise, music, small bites featuring NoRA Cupcake Company, a cash bar and a fashion photo booth by Yelp. Tickets for POSH Premiere Night are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (cash or check only). The POSH showroom will be open to the public Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 9, from noon – 4 p.m. Free parking is available; shoppers should enter The Design Center via Bartholomew Ave. Visit <http://thewadsworth.org/posh> for more information and tickets.

The POSH Sale is presented by The Costume & Textile Society to benefit the Costume & Textile Department of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. The sale has been held eight times since its beginning in 1994, and monies raised to benefit the museum have totaled

approximately \$200,000 over the life of the fundraiser. 2014 POSH sponsors are NoRA Cupcake Co., The Design Center, The French Cleaners and Yelp.

### **Donate to The POSH Sale**

The Costume & Textile Society is currently collecting donations of designer, vintage, and couture clothing for men, women, and children. Shoes, purses, hats, linens, fabrics/textiles, and jewelry are accepted. The Costume & Textile Society respectfully requests that donations be limited to clean and undamaged clothing and textiles; household decor, furniture and other goods are not accepted. All donations are tax-deductible. Inquiries about donating to The POSH Sale should be directed to Helen Hodgman, POSH chair, at (860) 243-3033.

### **About The Costume & Textile Society**

Founded in 1984, The Costume & Textile Society is a corps of volunteers who assist the Costume and Textile Department of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art with collection maintenance and exhibit installation. The Costume & Textile Society also organizes a variety of department-related events such as lectures by authors, collectors, curators, designers and fashion historians; visits to fashion and textile-related exhibitions; social events; and fundraisers. In 2014 The Costume & Textile Society is offering a discounted membership rate in honor of its 30th anniversary; to join visit <http://thewadsworth.org>.

### **About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art**

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest public art museum in the United States. The museum's nearly 50,000 works of art span 5,000 years, from Greek and Roman antiquities to the first museum collection of American contemporary art. The museum's five connected buildings—representing architectural styles from Gothic Revival to modern International Style—are located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Connecticut. Since 2010 the museum has been undergoing a major, \$33 million renovation, slated to be complete 2015. Hours: Wed – Fri: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat & Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; First Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Admission: \$5 – 10; discounts for members, students and seniors. Public phone: (860) 278-2670; website: <http://thewadsworth.org>.

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