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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Ballgowns, elaborate hats, patterns dating from 1895, and paper wigs, put together to show the development of theatre costumes, are on display at Youngstown State University's Bliss Gallery through Aug. 24.

YSU art and theatre student Maple Turner III designed the show as a community educational tool but also, he said, to make the public aware that YSU has a talented and creative costume section in its University Theatre, which is part of the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

The show is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Many of the costumes and hats in the show were designed and made by Turner, others are from the University Theatre. The exhibit details the life of a costume beginning with the rough drawing, original patterns, mock-up costumes in muslin, changes made by the designer, the fabrics used, and finally, the finished costume.

Turner also has on display watercolors he has done depicting theatre costume scenes.

Turner came to the University in 1984 after winning the first Fine and Performing Arts Theatre Scholarship. Previously he had been employed as a pipe inspector at J&L Steel in Campbell for 11 years.

Turner has received seven scholarships, based on academic performance and his expertise in theatre and art, during his three years at YSU.

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He was the costume designer for the University Theatre's production of "Candida." Some of the costumes from the show are part of the display. During the 87-88 school year, Turner will have a one-man watercolor show and be the costume designer for the University Theatre's production of either "The Dining Room" in January or "The Elephant Man" in April.

Turner has plans to design costumes for life-size puppets as part of the YSU Theatre's Children Series in 1989.

After graduating from the University, he hopes to study costuming in Europe for two years, return to New York and get an apprenticeship in costume design.

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