

2017

Guide to the Nena Ivon Collection

College Archives & Special Collections

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.colum.edu/casc_fa

 Part of the [Fashion Design Commons](#), and the [History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

"Nena Ivon Collection," 2017. Finding aid at the College Archives & Special Collections of Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL.
http://digitalcommons.colum.edu/casc_fa/8

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the College Archives & Special Collections at Digital Commons @ Columbia College Chicago. It has been accepted for inclusion in Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Columbia College Chicago.



ArchivesSpace

Nena Ivon Collection

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on August 28, 2017.
eng

College Archives & Special Collections at Columbia College Chicago

Chicago, IL

archives@colum.edu

URL: <http://www.colum.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Biography - Nena Ivon	3
About the Collection	4
Collection Arrangement	4
Administrative Information	4
Controlled Access Headings	5
Requirements for Researcher's Access	5

Summary Information

Repository:	College Archives & Special Collections at Columbia College Chicago
Creator:	Ivon, Nena
Title:	Nena Ivon Collection
ID:	RG 1000.06
Date [inclusive]:	1964-2009
Physical Description:	28.10 Cubic Feet Forms of Material: Correspondence; Interviews; Magazines (periodicals); Newsletters; Newspaper Clippings; Photographs; T-shirts; objects, statuettes, perfume bottles
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Nena Ivon, of Chicago, Illinois, was promoted to Assistant Fashion Director of the Saks Fifth Avenue store in Chicago at age 17 and later became the Director of Fashion and Special Events for forty years. She began teaching in the Fashion Studies program at Columbia College Chicago and works extensively with Fashion Columbia. This collection of Ivon's personal papers chronicles her activity as the Director of Fashion and Special Events at Saks Fifth Avenue, offering a snapshot of the history of fashion marketing, local designers, and the fashion business in Chicago.

How to Cite This Collection

Folder/Item Title, (date). Series Title, Nena Ivon Collection, College Archives & Special Collections, Columbia College Chicago.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biography - Nena Ivon

Nena Ivon grew up in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood and in Evanston, Illinois. When she was 16 she took a summer job with Saks Fifth Avenue in downtown Chicago selling sportswear. The unexpected death of her father the following year changed her plans to attend college and she continued to work for Saks. At age 17 was promoted to assistant fashion director and eight years later became the director of fashion and special events, the job she held for the next forty years.

She began teaching in the Fashion Studies program of Columbia College Chicago, developed the Skrebneski Scholarship awarded annually, and works extensively with Fashion Columbia.

Ivon has served on numerous industry, civic, and charitable boards, including: The Fashion Group of Chicago, the Chicago Apparel Industry Board, Chicago Historical Society's Costume Collection Committee, Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Grant Park Concert Society, and the Lincoln Park and Brookfield zoos.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

About the Collection

The Nena Ivon Collection dates from 1964 to 2009 in 28.10 cubic feet (31 boxes). The strength of the collection lies in the chronicling of activity for a Director of Fashion and Special Events that offers a snapshot of the history of fashion marketing, local designers, and the fashion business in Chicago.

The collection consists of published newspaper and magazine articles detailing the professional and charitable activities of Nena Ivon and Saks Fifth Avenue including event programs and brochures, color and black and white photographs of fashion shows and other events, signed or personalized portraits of many designers, and a realia including posters, perfume bottles, trophies, plaques, clothing, and promotional items.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Collection Arrangement

As of Summer 2017, the arrangement of the Nena Ivon collection is under revision.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

College Archives & Special Collections at Columbia College Chicago

Chicago, IL

archives@colum.edu

URL: <http://www.colum.edu/archives>

Terms Access

The entirety of the Nena Ivon collection is currently unavailable to all users as it is undergoing arrangement revisions. To research with the collection, please estimate a longer turnaround period for reference and assistance.

Terms of Use

Materials are the property of Columbia College Chicago. Intellectual property rights of work belong to the original creators. Materials within the collection that are published and copyrighted maintain their copyright protections and must be used according to United States Copyright Law. Use of this collection and its materials is understood to be primarily for research, teaching, and creative study; additional uses, such as publication, exhibition, or other appropriate purposes may be considered upon consultation with the Archivist.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Nena Ivon, gift: 2008

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- Fashion
- Department stores
- Chicago (Ill.)
- Ivon, Nena
- Saks & Company (New York, N.Y.)
- Columbia College (Chicago, Ill.)

Requirements for Researcher's Access

All physical materials and reformatted media must be viewed during a scheduled appointment time within the College Archives & Special Collections office. No materials are to be circulated unless otherwise consulted with the Archivist.

Access to some audiovisual media in the collection, such as VHS or audio cassette, may be temporarily unavailable pending digital reformatting.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Technical Requirements for Researcher's Access

Access to reformatted media in the collection, such as VHS, audio cassette, phonographic records, or computer files, must be viewed within the College Archives & Special Collections office during a scheduled appointment. Although reformatted, these items cannot be sent electronically nor can be published in our online database due to copyright restrictions. A computer and other necessary equipment will be provided during the appointment to access these materials.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)