



Passion for Fashion (98)

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Lot 54

Estimate: £4000 - £6000 + Fees

An important Matisse-designed complete Warrior costume from Diaghilev's Ballets Russes 'Le Chant de Rossignol', 1920, comprising: tunic of painted white felt, brown velvet with gold embroidered lattice, blue cotton sleeves and blue silk collar section and underskirt, the chest and waist outlined in pressed and gilded tin L-shaped plaques, the interior with three grey gauze pads to the hips and centre-front, the calico lining with three inked names 'Yerk, L. Nowak; Holeak?'; a pair of dark blue cotton trousers, the lower legs applied with blue silk, elasticated ankle, with inked 'Efim' name tag; the painted white felt hat with tied top-knot with two wired loops, indistinct signature to the gauze lining (3)

Provenance: Part of lot 77, Sotheby & Co Auction, 17th July, 1968 and illustrated on plate XXXVII of the catalogue.