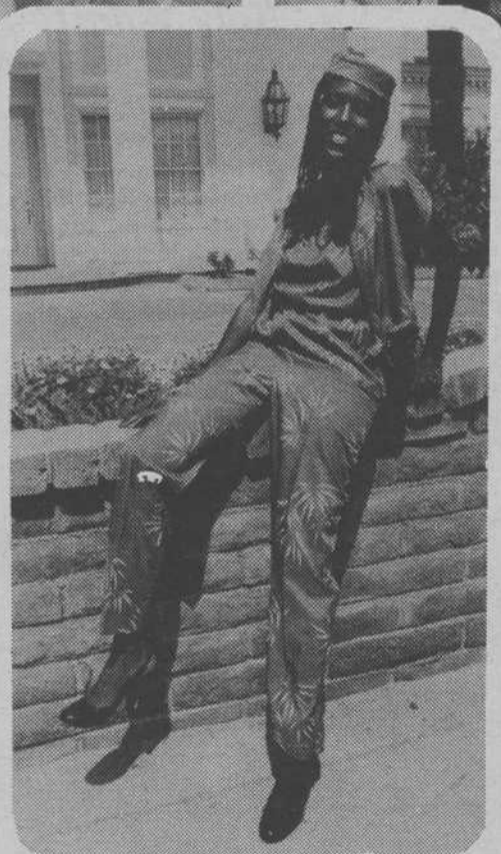


# Husband, Wife Launch Career In Fashion Designing

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Walter and Jacquelyn Fulton are a husband and wife team that is launching its career in Fashion and Costume Designing in Las Vegas.

Walter Fulton has been designing since 1967 and has been an artist all of his life. He started his art career in Memphis, Tenn. He felt his dreams were not being fulfilled in Memphis and decided to move to Chicago, where emphasis in his art was placed on designing.

In 1971 Mr. Fulton went to New York to Design Fashion Institute of Technology. During that time he worked on 7th Ave. for a top Black male designer, John Weston of New York.

After remaining in New York for one year, Walter returned to Memphis, Tenn. with the aspirations of opening up his own fashion company. Walter met his future wife, Jacquelyn who shared his interest in, designing.

During this time, she worked as a model for Walter and later the couple was married.

Walter realized his dream of opening his own business was a very difficult one to fulfill. It was difficult to obtain financial assistance for his project so he and Jacquelyn moved to Atlanta.

They worked for the only Black manufacturing company in Atlanta that had its own store. They

on Peach Street. After spending 2½ years in Atlanta, the Fultons moved to California.

Jacquelyn, always having had inspiration for designing and having been sewing all of her life, decided to improve her expertise in this field. In 1979 she received an Associates Degree in Designing from Los Angeles Trade Tech.

While attending school, Jacquelyn, along with 2

worked diligently on this project until it went out of business. Walter then made an attempt to open his own business

fellow design students, received \$50.00 for designing and sewing four dresses for the school speech club. She also received an honorable mention award from the Los Angeles, California Fashion Mart for a dress she designed in 1979.

Two of her T Shirt designs were featured in the February issue of Players magazine. She has also sold her designs for big T Shirts to four different stores.

to work as a portrait artist. He is presently exhibiting his talent and work at Circus Circus.

Since moving to Las Vegas the Fultons have gotten a foothold in the fashion world and plan to extend their fashion careers. Presently Walter arranges contacts with different bands for costumes. Some of his clientele have been Family Affair and Above And Beyond.

The design team has also made costumes for Elvis Presley imitators Phillip Vargas, Banner Montoya and Duane Leach. In addition they have produced and participated in Fashion Shows for both men and women.

They are now starting their own Fashion Club with private membership for a small annual fee. The members are entitled to a 20 per cent discount on all clothes.

If you are interested in any fashions that are worn by any of the models in the accompanying photos, you may contact Walter and Jacquelyn Fulton at 612 N. 10th Street or at 702-384-3572.

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While Jacquelyn was attending school, her talented husband Walter was working in Hollywood for Bill Witten, a top Black Designer for Work Room 22.

Walter decided to come to Las Vegas last August