



DESIGNS ON STAR WARS: Vintage dress shop owner Cathie kitted out sci-fi character Amidala

Cathie's a fashion force to reckon with

IN WEAR:
A Jedi
cloak

By FRANK HURLEY

A TINY Scots antiques shop is being inundated with Star Wars fans desperate to recreate actress Natalie Portman's look.

They have discovered that the stunning costumes worn by Natalie, who plays Senator Amidala in the latest sci-fi flick, come from a little Glasgow shop.

The lace pieces and trinkets once lay mothballed in the bottom drawers of legions of Scots great-grannies until they were sold to Cathie McLay, owner of Saratoga Trunk.

Stock from the shop, which sells vintage lace, chiffon, jewellery and clothes from the Victorian, Edwardian and World War II eras, was sold to top Scots designer, Trisha Biggar, to create the dramatic costumes for Episode II: Attack of the Clones.

The accessories can be clearly seen adorning striking costumes worn by Natalie, 20.

A pearl and black and blue beaded breastplate on one of Natalie's sensational dresses came from a Victorian dress that had hung in the shop for years.

Cathie said: "There's hardly a

piece of Natalie's clothing in the film that doesn't have a bit of antique lace, paste jewellery or beading from my shop.

"I knew Trisha was heading the clothes-making team, but as I don't sell space suits I didn't give it a second thought.

"I was stunned when Trisha phoned me to say she was coming over to shop for futuristic fashion designs.

"A few of my pieces were in the last Star Wars Film, on clothes worn by Natalie.

"Trisha raked through the trunk and went around the shop picking out what she wanted for the new film."

Now Amidala's fashion secret is out, sci-fi fans have besieged Cathie's shop to snap up gold and silver lace pieces and chunky jewellery to mix 'n' match old styles with the new.

She added: "My shop has been bustling with excited girls looking for something to make Star Wars fashion."



STARS WARS IN THEIR EYES: Cathie's jewellery went down a treat with the blockbuster's designers