'Wizard of Oz's' Original Cowardly Lion Costume for Sale

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A collector wants the film academy to buy the rare outfit worn by Burt Lahr to help fund his planned TV museum.

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Does someone in Hollywood have the courage to buy the Cowardly Lion?

Memorabilia collector James Comisar is searching for an industry benefactor to help save one of **Bert Lahr**'s original costumes from 1939's

The Wizard of Oz. Comisar is selling the furry outfit -- acquired in 1991 from a salvage dealer who found it covered in dirt and mouse droppings in an abandoned MGM building -- to fund a TV history museum in Phoenix.