Living Theatre ephemera collection
1953–1968

Abstract: Ephemeral documents (photographs, flyers, posters, announcements, stationery, and programs) which detail performances, readings, recitals and other events sponsored by the Living Theater of New York City.
Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 099, F827
Creator: Living Theatre (New York, N.Y.)
Title: Living Theatre ephemera collection
Inclusive Dates: 1953–1968
Extent: 22 items
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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**Historical Note**

The Living Theatre was founded in 1947 as an imaginative alternative to the commercial theater by Judith Malina and Julian Beck. The Living Theatre has staged nearly a hundred productions performed in eight languages in 28 countries on five continents.

During the 1950's and early 1960's in New York, The Living Theatre pioneered the unconventional staging of poetic drama - the plays of American writers like Gertrude Stein, William Carlos Williams, Paul Goodman, Kenneth Rexroth and John Ashbery, as well as European writers rarely produced in America, including Cocteau, Lorca, Brecht and Pirandello.

**Sources:**

Scope and Content Note

A collection of twenty-two ephemeral documents, such as photographs, flyers, posters, announcements, stationery, and programs, detail performances, readings, recitals and other events sponsored by the Living Theater of New York City during the 1950s and 1960s. Announcements and posters for appearances by David Tudor, "Wagner Poets" (Malanga, Lima, Ceravolo), William Masselos, Spencer Holst and others are included. A photograph of Richard Wagner is inscribed by him to "Jo-Ann." The second photograph is a group shot of a wedding party.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Holst, Spencer.
Maas, Willard.
Malanga, Gerard.
Masselos, William.
Tudor, David, 1926-1996.
Wagner, Richard.

Corporate Names

Brooklyn Academy of Music.
Dramatic Workshop and Technical Institute.
Hartt Chamber Players.
Manhattan Consort.
People Puppet Theater.
People Puppet Theater.

Topical Terms

Wagner poets--History--20th century--Sources.
Theater--United States--History--20th century--Sources.
Authors and theater--History--20th century--Sources.

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.)

Form/Genre Terms

Announcements.
Fliers (printed matter)
Photographs.
Posters.

Stationery.

Theater programs.
Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically with undated material following.
Detailed Description of the Collection

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