Phoebus, Mia.

Mia Phoebus collection of Tennessee Williams papers
1940, 2007–2008

Abstract: Items collected or created by Mia Phoebus, all but one of which are related to Tennessee Williams.
Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 099, F828
Creator: Phoebus, Mia.
Title: Mia Phoebus collection of Tennessee Williams papers
Extent: 6 items
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Educator and poet Mia Phoebus was a housemate and confidante of Tennessee Williams during the summer of 1940, at the age of 19. Born Ethel Elkovsky in New York City, Phoebus has been lecturing in the Beverly Hills, California School District for thirty years. It was her experiences with Holocaust survivors that inspired her to write poetry.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

Mia Phoebus knew Tennessee Williams during the summer of 1940. During that same summer Williams began writing the play, *The Parade*. The items in this collection were collected or created by Mia Phoebus and all but one are related to Tennessee Williams. The Tennessee Williams material includes a photocopy of the typescript for his play, *The Parade* and a photocopy of a 1940 photograph which includes Williams and Phoebus. There are also three poems written by Phoebus which reflect on her relationship to Williams: "At Summer's End," "In Memory of Tennessee Williams. 1911–1983" and "In Memoriam: Tennessee Williams." The collection also includes a fourth poem written by Phoebus, titled "Dedicated to Naomi Vanek."
Selected Search Terms

**Personal Names**

Williams, Tennessee, 1911-1983.

Elkovsky, Ethel.

**Topical Terms**

Poets, American--20th century--Sources.

Dramatists, American--20th century--Sources.

**Form/Genre Terms**

Poems.

Photographs.

Plays (document genre)

**Related Materials in this Repository**

This item forms part of MSS 099 Miscellaneous Literary and Historical Manuscripts.
Detailed Description of the Collection

"The Parade", circa 1940 [Box 55 F828]

1 item (27 pp.)

Photocopied typescript of Tennessee Williams' play, *The Parade*, which is signed by Phoebus on the title page, with her autograph note: "Performed Sept 30 - 2007 P’Town. T. Williams Festival."

Photograph of Tennessee Williams, 1940 [Box 55 F828]

1 item

Photocopy of a photograph of Tennessee Williams, Mia Phoebus, and others taken in Provincetown during the summer of 1940.

"In Memory of Tennessee Williams. 1911–1983.", circa 2008 [Box 55 F828]

1 item (2 pp.)


"In Memoriam: Tennessee Williams", 2007 [Box 55 F828]

1 item (2 pp.)

Typescript of a poem written by Phoebus dated 2007, with two autograph corrections.

"At Summer's End", 2007 September [Box 55 F828]

1 item (1 p.)

Photocopied typescript of a poem written and signed by Phoebus, dated September 2007, with autograph note: "p. 9 - play - parade - Dan."

"Dedicated to Naomi Vanek", 2007 October 1 [Box 55 F828]

1 item (2 pp.)

Typescript of a poem written and signed by Phoebus, dated October 1, 2007, with a few autograph corrections. Bears the autograph note: "[Hamar?] p. 78 inspired by [Hamar?] - "Night of the Iguana."