
Foolish Notion : a Comedy : production script
1945

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Biographical Note

American playwright Philip (James Quinn) Barry, who was born on June 18, 1896, in New York City, had a successful career writing plays for Broadway, particularly comedies.

Written in 1945, Barry's play *Foolish Notion* was one of three plays, along with *Liberty Jones* (1941) and *Without Love* (1942), which reflected the author's concerns with World War II. Philip Barry had just completed a draft of a final play, *Second Threshold*, when he died on December 3, 1949.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

This production script for American playwright Philip Barry's *Foolish Notion: A Comedy* bears the ownership stamp of theatrical designer Jo Mielziner.

This carbon typescript is brad-bound in Brandt & Brandt Dramatic Dept., Inc. printed wrappers, with the title handwritten in pen on the cover. The title page bears a pencilled notation, "New Haven Feb 1," which suggests a traditional preview may have occurred there.

Jo Mielziner was the designer of the scenery and lighting for the opening Broadway production of *Foolish Notion* at the Martin Beck Theatre on March 12, 1945. Some pencil underscores early in the script are related to set and may have been made by Mielziner.
Selected Search Terms

**Personal Names**


Mielziner, Jo, 1901-1976.

**Corporate Names**

Brandt & Brandt. Dramatic Department.

**Topical Terms**

American drama--20th century.

Humorous plays--20th century.

**Form/Genre Terms**

Scripts (documents)

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**Occupation**

Playwrights.

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