

Melville and Arden Keay Collection
(1926-1951)
Inventory

1 box containing 1 binder & 7 envelopes (+ interfiled photos); .45 metres

Press clippings, programs, correspondence and photographs documenting the careers of actress Arden Fortner Keay and her husband Melville Keay; director, costume designer, head of Hart House Theatre department and founder of the Toronto Repertory Theatre.

Scrapbook (Photocopied facsimile) – 227 pages

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Programs, 1930-1950 (contained in the scrapbooks) – 38 items

Toronto, Hart House Theatre:

1. *Dr. Knock*, Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 1930.
2. *Bits From Hits*, Jan. 14, 1933.
3. *Henry VIII* (Shakespeare Society of Toronto), Apr. 23-25, 1934.
4. *The Piper*, Dec. 26, 1934 –Jan. 5, 1935.
5. *A Murder Has Been Arranged*, Jan. 14-19, 1935
6. *Wappin' Wharf and The Fairy Riddle*, Dec. 26, 1935-Jan. 1, 1936.
7. *Judgment Day*, Apr. 13-18-1936.
8. *Marco Millions*, Oct. 21-28, 1950.

Canadian Dramatic Association:

9. *Kali*, Little Playhouse, Toronto, Apr 7- , 1931.

London, England, Fortune Theatre:

10. *Death Takes a Holiday*, Oct. 17, 1936.

Toronto Repertory Theatre:

11. *Green Leaves* (revue), Ward Price Galleries, Apr. 19-20, 1938.
12. *The Enchanted April*, Margaret Eaton Theatre, Jun. 6, 1938.
13. *Call It a Day*, Margaret Eaton Theatre, Oct. 27, 1938.
14. *Death Takes a Holiday*, Margaret Eaton Theatre, Nov. 28, 1938.
15. *Elizabeth the Queen*, Margaret Eaton Theatre, Nov. 28, 1938.
16. *Candida*, Margaret Eaton Hall, Mar. 31, 1939.
17. Scenes from studio presentations, St. Thomas Parish Hall, Apr. 20, 1939.
18. *Candida* (Comedy Theatre Players), Brantford Collegiate Auditorium, Dec. 1, 1939.
19. *Hay Fever*, St. Thomas Parish Hall, Dec. 12, 1939.
20. *Hay Fever* (Mayfair Players), Glebe Collegiate, Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1939.
21. *Hay Fever* (Comedy Theatre Players), Kingston, KCVI Auditorium, Mar. 27, 1940.
22. *Hay Fever* (Comedy Theatre Players), Brockville Collegiate Auditorium, Mar. 28, 1940.
23. *Hay Fever* (Comedy Theatre Players), Peterborough Collegiate Auditorium, Mar. 29, 1940.
24. *June Cocktail*, Harbord Collegiate Auditorium, Jun. 12, 1940.
25. *June Cocktail*, Hart House Theatre, Jun. 13, 1940.
26. *The Mollusc* (Mayfair Players), Belleville Collegiate Auditorium, Dec. 16, 1941.
27. *The Curtain Rises*, no location, 1941.
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John Holden Players (at Bala and Bigwin Inn):

29. *The Curtain Rises*, Jul. 2-7, 1941.
30. *This Thing Called Love*, Jul. 9-14, 1941.
31. *Three Live Ghosts*, Jul. 16-21, 1941.
32. *My Dear Children*, Jul. 31-Aug. 4, 1941.
33. *Haywire*, Aug. 20-25, 1941.

Toronto, Royal Alexandra Theatre:

34. *Stage Door*, week of Jul. 20, 1942.
35. *Theatre*, week of Aug. 9, 1943.

Arts and Letters Club:

36. *The Wood Carver's Wife*, Oct. 28-30, 1943.

New Play Society:

37. *Ah, Wilderness!*, Royal Ontario Museum Theatre, Dec. 6-7, 1946.

Earle Grey Players:

38. *Measure for Measure*, Hart House Theatre, Apr. 13-15, 1950.

Shakespeare Society of Toronto:

(see program #3, Hart House Theatre)

Mayfair Players and Comedy Theatre Players:

(see Toronto Repertory Theatre)

Metropolitan United Church:

39. *Nativity Plays*, adapted from the York Mystery Plays, Dec. 20-22, 1932.
Program and flyer interfiled with Miscellaneous material.

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Photographs Filed with Collection:

Env. #1: Toronto Shakespeare Society – 6 items

Henry VIII, Hart House Theatre, Oct. 11-13, 1934

Env. #2: Toronto Repertory Theatre Productions – 11 items

Enchanted April, June 1938 (3)

Elizabeth the Queen, Jan. 27-28, 1939 (6)

Hay Fever, Dec. 1939-Apr. 1940 (1)

The Curtain Rises, 1941 (1)

Env. #3: New Play Society – 2 items

Ah, Wilderness, Dec. 6-7, 1946

Env. #4: Downtown Children's Theatre – 5 items

A Midsummer's Night's Dream, no date (3)

Hansel and Gretel, no date (2)

Env. #5: Unidentified theatrical productions (including Hart House Theatre) – 32 items

Env. #6: Productions in England – 2 items

Death Takes a Holiday, Fortune Theatre, Drury Lane, 1937

Env. #7: Personalities – 4 items

Arden Keay (2); Melville Keay (1); Rosalind Iden (1)

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Photos Interfiled in Hart House Theatre Photos

1926/27 Season – 2 items

At Mrs. Beam's, Mar. 28-Apr. 2, 1927 (1)

Twelfth Night, Apr. 25-30, 1927 & week of May 30, 1927 (1)

1928/29 Season – 6 items

The Blue Bird, Dec. 26, 1928-Jan. 5, 1929 (3)

Contract, Mar. 13-15, 1929 (3)

1929/30 Season – 20 items

The Wizard of Oz, Dec. 30- , 1929 (6)

His Majesty's Maidens, Feb. 24-Mar. 1, 1930 (6)

The Show Off, Apr. 21-26, 1930 (5)

The Way of the World (Players Guild of University College), Mar. 10-15, 1930 (3)

1930/31 Season – 55 items

Dr. Knock, Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 1930 (4)

Peer Gynt, Nov. 24-29, 1930 (21)

Make Believe, Dec. 29, 1930 – Jan. 3, 1931 (12)

Major Barbara, Jan. 26-31, 1931 (4)

Out of the Blue, Feb. 23-28, 1931 (4)

The Comedy of Errors, Apr. 6-11, 1931 (10)

1931/32 Season – 34 items

Liliom, Oct. 26-31, 1931 (5)

The Bright Island, Nov. 23-28, 1931 (6)

Bre'r Rabbit, Dec. 28, 1931-Jan. 2, 1932 (2)

The Barber of Seville, Jan. 25-30, 1932 (8)

Faust, Feb. 22-27, 1932 (8)

The Tragedy of Pompey the Great, Mar. 28-Apr. 2, 1932 (5)

1932/33 Season – 1 item

Peter Pan, Dec. 26-31, 1932

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1934-35 Season – 9 items

The Devil's Disciple, Oct. 29-Nov. 3, 1934 (1)
The Piper, Dec. 26, 1934-Jan. 5, 1935 (6)
A Murder Has Been Arranged, Jan. 14-19, 1935 (2)

1935/36 Season – 16 items

Once in a Lifetime, Oct. 15-19, 1935 (3)
Hounded by Hate, Nov. 19- , 1935 (6)
Wappin' Wharf, Dec. 26, 1935-Jan. 1, 1936 (1)
The Power of Darkness, Jan. 20-25, 1936 (3)
The Magnanimous Lover, Feb. 17-22, 1936 (1)
Judgment Day, Apr. 13-18, 1936 (2)

Photographs Interfiled in Royal Alexandra Theatre Photos

Ritzin' the Blitz, week of Jul. 14, 1941 (1)