

**Whittaker's Theatre Collection**  
**(1975 – 1986)**  
**Inventory**

Correspondence and other documents relating to the funding, editing and publication of *Whittaker's Theatre; a critic looks at stages in Canada and thereabouts 1944-1975* edited by Ronald Bryden with Boyd Neil, and published by the Whittaker Project through the University of Toronto Press. Includes letters of permission from newspapers, photographers, actors and various archives; correspondence concerning the organization of the Tribute, collected by head of the organizing committee William H. Graham; discussion and acknowledgements of the free distribution of the book to libraries, educational institutions and interested individuals. *Whittaker's Theatre* is a collection of reviews by critic Herbert Whittaker taken from the *Montreal Gazette* and the *Toronto Globe and Mail*.

1 box: 12 files and envelopes; .125 linear metres

File #1: Administrative – 38 items

Correspondence with the organizing committee, the donors, the editors and the designer and financial administrator at University of Toronto Press; also several budgets and lists of expenses.

File #2: Stationery and Addresses – 6 items

Lists of donors and members of the organizing committee, and examples of the letterhead.

File #3: Photographs, Correspondence (A-Z) – 35 items

Includes letters to/from photographers and theatre companies ordering prints and requesting permission for publication.

File #4: Photographs, Actors' Letters of Permission (A-Z) – 49 items

Bedford, Brian  
Bochner, Lloyd  
Caldwell, Zoe  
Cariou, Len  
Chilcott, Barbara  
Christie, Robert  
Colicos, John  
Davis, Donald

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Davis, Murray (ALS)  
Donat, Richard  
Fletcher, M.A.  
Fox, Colin  
Fox, David  
Galloway, Pat (+ note)  
Gardner, David (+ note)  
Gascon, Jean  
Gélinas, Gratien (2 ALS)  
Guinness, Alec (+ note)  
Hall, Amelia (+ typed note)  
Hamilton, Barbara  
Henry, Martha  
Heseltine, Elisabeth (+ note)  
Hutt, William  
King, Charmion  
Mallett, Jane (Pat Keenleyside for) (+ note)  
Monette, Richard  
Moore, Mavor (ALS)  
Plummer, Christopher  
Potter, Miles  
Ray, Jamie (Farrar)  
Robins, Toby  
Schellenberg, August (Joan Karasevich for) (ALS)  
Van Bridge, Tony  
Webster, Hugh  
Zarov, Basil

Item #5: Binder of lists, addresses, etc. – 1 item

File #6: Photographs, Prints received and invoices – 13 items

File #7: Distribution, Acknowledgements and requests; reviews (A-Z) – 76 items

File #8: Funding, Correspondence 1977-1985 – 55 items

File #9: Correspondence, Support Committee 1976-1977 – 65 items

Letters from theatre personalities commenting on the invitation to support the Whittaker Tribute. Includes actors, directors, playwrights and theatre critics (list in file). Besides

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letters from Bill Graham inviting participation in the Whittaker Project, and updating members of the Project on the progress of the funding and the production, this file includes letters, in chronological order, from the following:

G. Hamilton Southam    TLS  
James Reaney    TLS (postcard)  
Margaret Edgar, University Alumnae Dramatic Club    ALS  
Gordon Pinsent    ALS  
Jane Mallett    ALS  
Marilyn Lightstone    ALS  
Robert Sherrin    TLS  
John Palmer    TLS  
Edward Gilbert    ALS  
Christopher Newton    ALS  
Mary Jolliffe    TLS  
Robert Christie    ALS (note)  
Donald J.A.M. MacSween    TLS  
Robertson Davies    TLS  
Christopher Dafoe    TLS  
David Haber    TLS  
McKenzie Porter    TLS  
George Luscombe    TLS  
Marion Andre    TLS  
William B. Davis    TLS  
Vera Norman    TLS  
Sandy Webster    TLS  
Maurice Podbrey    TLS  
Mia Anderson    ALS  
Joseph Shaw    TLS  
Barbara Hamilton    ALS  
Michael Langham    TLS  
Madeleine Grisé for Gratien Gelinas    TLS  
J.C. Lockwood, Chairman of Board, Carling O'Keefe    TLS  
Urjo Kareda    TLS  
Richard Monette    ALS  
G. Hamilton Southam    TLS  
Jean Roberts    TLS  
Marigold Charlesworth    TLS  
Paxton Whitehead    ALS  
Calvin G. Rand    TLS  
Hutch Shandro for Donald (Davis?)    ALS  
Leslie Yeo    ALS  
Nicholas Foder    TLS  
Murray Laufer    ALS  
David Freeman    TLS'

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Denise Fergusson TLS  
Maurice Strike TLS  
Eric Donkin ALS  
James B. Douglas ALS  
Leon Major TLS  
Tom Hendry TLS  
Tony Van Bridge ALS  
G. Hamilton Southam TLS

File #10: Press Reception – 10 items

Guest list, invitation, correspondence with sponsor Ontario Arts Council, and with Herb Whittaker, and Bill Graham's speech for the press reception at the Jane Mallett Theatre, Sept. 20, 1985 launching *Whittaker's Theatre*.

File #11: Editorial and Production (1975-1986) – 86 items

Correspondence, invoices, design, etc. Includes letters from Mavor Moore, Hamilton Southam, Herb Whittaker and Ron Bryden; also correspondence with U. of T. Press (Laurie Lewis, designer, etc.) re: production and editorial details, costs, etc. Letters of permission from the *Montreal Gazette* and *Toronto Globe and Mail* to reprint HW's reviews.

Env. #12: Editorial, Correspondence – 10 items

Correspondence re: disagreement over material to be included in *Whittaker's Theatre*.

NOTE: Material has been left in the order and organization as it was received from Mr. Graham, though items within a file might have been rearranged in either alphabetical or chronological order, depending on which seemed most useful for possible researchers.

Gift of Wm. Graham, Greenbank,  
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