

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,
Ontario, Dec. 1986
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