Guy Palmer fonds

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Fonds Description

13 cm of textual records.
6,066 photographs.

Biographical Sketch

Guy Palmer was born in England in 1913 and, after moving with his family to Canada following World War I he attended the University of British Columbia where he graduated with a B.A. majoring in zoology in 1934. After graduation he returned to England where he worked for several years before enlisting in the army during the Second World War. Following the war he returned to British Columbia and the UBC campus when he went to work for the B.C. Research Council. He remained with the Research Council until his retirement in 1978. During his student days Palmer participated in theatrical productions with the Players' Club. He never lost interest in theatre and when he returned to work on the UBC campus he performed in a few productions. Perhaps more importantly, Palmer photographed dress rehearsals of major productions between 1954 and 1988.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of 6,066 35 mm negatives of dress rehearsals of major UBC theatrical productions between 1961 and 1988. There are also some images of productions staged during summer school, as well as by the Extension and English departments (1954/55), and alphabetical and chronological listings of UBC productions between 1954 and 1988. The fonds also includes copies of programs from productions at the Frederic Wood Theatre (1964-1991).

Notes

Alternative title for fonds: Guy Palmer UBC Theatre Photograph Collection.

File List available.

Selected photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives’ Historical Photograph Database (UBC 107.1).
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Negatives (6,066) of productions have been removed from original binders and stored with UBC Archives' negative collection. The original alphabetical order maintained by Palmer has been retained.

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/11 Brecht on Brecht [Brecht/Tabori] (January 1981) [35 frames]
/12 The Boys from Syracuse [Rogers and Hart] (1976/77) [90 frames]
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/14 A Collier’s Friday Night [Lawrence] (January 1977) [46 frames]
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/16 The Crucible [Miller] (November 1969) [131 frames]
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/19 A Doll’s House [Ibsen] (September 1987) [33 frames]
/20 The Duchess of Malfi [Webster] (March 1972) [124 frames]
/21 Endgame [Beckett] (1971) [24 frames]
/22 Entertaining Mr. Sloane [Orton] (September 1982) [32 frames]
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PRODUCTION INFORMATION

BOX 1

1-1  Handwritten, alphabetical listing of plays (1954-1989)
1-2  Typescript and handwritten chronological listing of plays (1954-1989)
1-3  Miscellaneous notes and printed programs

FREDERIC WOOD THEATRE PROGRAMS

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The Homecoming  (September 1968)
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Ghosts  (September 1970)
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Much Ado About Nothing  (November 1977)
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All’s Well that Ends Well  (February 1979)
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1980s

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Long Day’s Journey into Night  (September 1980)
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Brecht on Brecht  (January 1981)
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The Crucible  (November 1986)
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1980s  (Cont’d)

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Juno and the Paycock  (January 1988)
A Flea in Her Ear  (March 1988)
Just Between Ourselves  (September 1988)
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1990s
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A View from the Bridge  (September 1990)
You Can’t Take It With You  (November 1990)
Our Country’s Good  (January 1991)

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