

Theater, Motion Picture and Performing Arts Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library
Title:	Theater, Motion Picture and Performing Arts Photograph Collection
ID:	SFP 153
Date [inclusive]:	1870-1994
Physical Description:	3 Cubic Feet 2 cartons, 2 pamphlet boxes and 1 flat box
Physical Location:	The collection is stored on site.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The artificial collection consists of approximately 1,500 photographic prints of people related to theater, performing arts and motion pictures as well as film stills, set stills and stage scenes from the 1860s to the 1990s collected by the San Francisco Public Library. The photographs are of a diverse group of entertainers including vocalists, musicians, vaudeville performers, motion picture stars, stage actors and actresses and dancers. The collection does include persons of national prominence. The bulk of the collection is from the 1930s-1960s.

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Biographical / Historical

The collection was first collected and assembled by the Reference Department of the San Francisco Public Library. The collection was transferred to the San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library by the 1990s. The collection includes multiple accessions and donations received over the life of the San Francisco Public Library.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series. Series 1: portraits of entertainers. Series 2: film stills, movie sets and stage production scenes.

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is available for use during Photo Desk hours.

Publication Rights

All requests for permission to publish from photographs must be submitted in writing to the Photo Curator. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the San Francisco Public Library as the owner of the physical items.

Provenance

The photographs were acquired from various sources, including donations and purchases.

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Related Materials

Related materials

For entertainer portraits, researchers are encouraged to view San Francisco Portrait Photograph Collection (SFP 136); San Francisco Cabinet Card Collection (SFP 59); San Francisco Public Library Performing Artists Photograph Collection (SFP 87); Frank Borel Motion Picture Portrait Photograph Collection (SFP 152); and San Francisco News-Call Bulletin Photo Morgue (SFP 39).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Entertainers -- Portraits.
- Theater--United States--Pictorial works
- Actors--United States--Pictorial works
- Actresses--United States--Pictorial works
- Singers--United States--Pictorial works
- Theaters -- Stage-setting and scenery -- Pictorial works.
- Motion pictures -- Setting and scenery -- Pictorial works
- Portrait photographs

Series 1

Name	Box
Abel, David	1
Adler, Kurt Herbert	1
Adoree, Rene	1
Aherne, Brian	1
Ainsley, Josephine	1
Ainsley, Sadie	1
Albanese, Lucia	1
Allyson, June	1
Alvary, Lorenzo	1
Anda, Geza	1
Anderson, Marian	1
Appling, Elizabeth	1
Astor, Mary	1
Auberjonois, Rene	1
Baccoloni, Salvatore	1
Baker, Lewis	1
Ball, Katherine M.	1
Bancroft, George	1
Bara, Theda	1
Barriscale, Bessie	1
Barry, Wesley	1
Barrymore, Lionel	1
Bashkirov, Dimitri	1
Bassett, Elsie Eleanor	1
Battle, Kathleen	1
Baxter, Warner	1
Bayne, Beverly	1
Beecham, Sir Thomas	1
Bennett, Constance	1
Benning, Annette	1
Bible, Frances	1
Bjaland, Leif	1
Bjoerling, Sigrid	1
Blossom, Betty	1
Blue, Monte	1
Blyth, Ann	1
Boatwright, Christopher	1
Bogart, Hymphrey	1
Boland, Mary	1
Bolet, Jorge	1
di Bonaventura, Anthony	1
Bow, Clara	1
Brendel, Alfred	1

Series 1

Name	Box
Breur, Hans	1
Brian, David	1
Busch, Mae	1
Calhern, Louis	1
Carew, Ora	1
Carroll, Nancy	1
Casadesus, Robert	1
Case, Allen (SEE: Clark, Bobby)	1
Cassel, Walter	1
Challis, Bennett	1
Chamfrau, Francis S.	1
Chamlee, Mario	1
Chaney, Lon	1
Chang, Sarah	1
Chatterton, Ruth	1
Chavez, Carlos	1
Cherniavsky, Leo	1
Chevalier, Maurice	1
Clark, Bobby	1
Clarke, Harry Carson	1
Code, Reg	1
Compton, Betty	1
Content, Ann	1
Cornell, Katherine	1
Cortez, Ricardo	1
de Coteau, DenisC	1
Cottrelly, Mathilde	1
Courtney, Del	1
Coward, Noel	1
Cox, Kenneth	1
Crawford, Alice (SEE: Terry, Fred)	1
Crosby, Kathryn	1
Daboll	1
Dali, Salvador	1
Dare, Zena	1
Davies, John	1
De Cou, Emil	1
De Reske, Edouard	1
De Wart, Edo	1
Demus, Joerg	1
Denny, Reginald	1
Dichter, Misha	1
Didin (?)	1

Series 1

Name	Box
Dill, Max	1
Donat, Peter	1
Doner, Martin J. (Art Director, National Film Corp)	1
Drake, Dick (Family ca 1970)	1
Dunham, Katherine	1
Dunner, Leslie B.	1
Dunning, Alice	1
Duse, Eleonora	1
Egerton, Grace (Mrs. George Case)	1
Elsie, Lily	1
Eltinge, Julian	1
Endich, Saramae	1
Entremont, Philippe	1
Eschenbach, Christoph	1
Fairbanks, Sr., Douglas	1
Faleo, Philine	1
Fallon, Anita	1
Farnum, Dustin	1
Farrell, Charlie	1
Fath, Philip	1
Fay, Maud (SEE: Roma, Caro)	1
Fealy, Maude	1
Feinstein, Michael	1
Ferras, Christian	1
Fielder, Arthur	1
Fischer, Edna	1
Fiske, Mrs.	1
Five Blind Boys, The	1
Flagstap, Kristen	1
Fleisher, Leon	1
Flynn, Errol (SEE: Hale, Alan)	1
Fonda, Henry	1
Fonda, Jane	1
Forrester, Maureen	1
Four Tops	1
Frothingham, George	1
Fuller, Loie	1
Garbo, Greta	1
Gardiner, Regiald	1
Garson, Greer	1
Gemignani, Paul	1
Gergiev, Vallery	1
Gilchrist, Alden	1

Series 1

Name	Box
Gish, Lillian	1
Glaser, Lulu	1
Goodman, Benny	1
Goodman, Dean	1
Gould, Glen	1
Gramm, Donald	1
Grayer (?), Maud	1
Green, Johnny	1
Green, Mabel	1
Grimaud, Helene	1
Gulbranson, Ellen	1
Ha...?, Blanche	1
Habich, Eduard	1
Hafgren-Waag, Lilly	1
Haitenk, Bernard	1
Hale, Alan	1
Harrison, Rex	1
Hart, Richmond	1
Hart, William S.	1
Haver, Phyllis	1
Hayworth, Rita	1
Hellekant, Charlotte	1
Helpmann, Robert	1
Henderson, Skitch	1
Heron, Matilda	1
Hesperion XX	1
Hess, Dame Myra	1
Hilgenberg, Katherine	1
Holst, Amelia	1
Holt, Elizabeth	1
Hopper, Edna Wallace	1
Houser, Frank	1
Howard, Jack	1
Huntley, Chet	1
Irwin, Bill	1
Irwin Sister	1
Istomin, Eugene	1
Iturbi, Jose	1
Jackson, Leda Gregory	1
Janis, Byron	1
Jesters, The	1
Johannesen, Grant	1
Jolson, Al	1

Series 1

Name	Box
Jones, Stephen Anthony	1
Jorda, Enrique	1
Joslyn, Allyn (includes Bendel, El)	1
Juddah, Mrs.	1
Keenan, Frank	2
Kobart, Ruth	2
Kogan, Leonid	2
Kolb and Dill	2
	Oversize box 5
Kostelanitz, Andre	2
Kraus, L.L.	2
Krips, Josef	2
Kronos Quartet	2
La Rocque, Rod	2
Langdon, Harry	2
Laredo, Jaime	2
Laughton, Charles	2
Le Gallienne, Eva	2
Lederer, Francis	2
Lehmann, Lotte	2
Leo Primrose and Co.	2
Levoe, Marjorie	2
Levy	2
Lewis, Ted	2
Ligeti, Desire	2
Lipman, Samuel	2
Little Ann	2
Lloyd, Alice	2
London, George	2
Lotgen, Adolf	2
Lut (?), Zabeide	2
Lytell, Bert	2
Ma, Yo-Yo	2
Mac Murray, Fred	2
Mann, Hank	2
Manners, David	2
Manton, Raymond	2
Marcovicci, Andrea	2
Markham, Pauline	2
Marshall, Lois	2
Massett, Stephen	2
Maynor, Dorothy	2
McCullough, John Edward	2

Series 1

Name	Box
McFerrin, Bobby	2
McVerry, Maureen	2
Melba	2
Menken, Adah Issacs	2
Merivale, Phillip	2
Merola, Gaetano	2
	Oversize box 5
Merriman, Nan	2
Mester, Jorge	2
Mintz, Shlomo	2
Montoya, Rosa	2
Moore, Colleen	2
Moore, Dudley	2
Moorhead, Agnes (See: Laughton Charles)	2
Moreno, Antonio	2
Morgan, Dennis	2
Morini, Erica	2
Mulhall, Jack	2
Munsel, Patrice	2
Murray, Earl Bernard	2
Muzio, Claudia	2
Nast, Minnie	2
Negri, Pola	2
Nelli, Herva	2
Nelson, Willie Kid	2
Nelsova, Zara	2
Nevada, Emma	2
Nielson, Adelaide (See: Judah Mrs.)	2
Niemeyer, Emil	2
Noah Brandt's Orchestra	2
Norma, Jesse	2
Normand, Mabel (?)	2
Novarro, Ramon	2
O'Brien, Edmond	2
Oistrakh, David	2
Osten, Eva Plaschke v.d.	2
Otey, Wendell	2
Page, Carolann	2
Parselle, John	2
Peerce, Jan	2
Penn and Teller	2
Peres, Marcel	2
Perloff, Carey	2

Series 1

Name	Box
Peters, Bernadette	2
Piatigorsky, Gregor	2
Pickford, Jack	2
Pickford, Mary	2
	Oversize box 5
Pinza, Ezio	2
Pitts, Zazu	2
Plaschke, Friedrich	2
Pons, Lily	2
Popper, Jan	2
Pounds, Courtice	2
Powers, James	2
Price, Leontyne	2
Quilling, Brenda	2
Rachmaninoff, Serge	2
Rampal, J.P.	2
Rankin, Mrs. McKee	2
Ray, Charles	2
Reaves-Phillips, Sandra	2
Renzi, Paul	2
Rhodus, Dean	2
Richter, Karl	2
Richter-Haaser, Hans	2
Ripley, Robert	2
Roberts, Theodore	2
Robson, May	2
Robinson, Edward G.	2
Roma, Caro	2
Rostropovich, Mstislav	2
St. John, Al	2
Sanderson, Sybil	2
Santa, Tom	2
Savall, Jordi	2
Schermerhorn, Kenneth	2
Schipa, Tito	2
Schnabel, Artur	2
Schumann-Heink, Elizabeth	2
Schwabacher, James	2
Schwarzkopf, Elizabeth	2
Scimone, Claudio	2
Scott, Martha	2
Scott Wells Dance Company	2
Segovia, Andres	2

Series 1

Name	Box
Serkin, Rudolf	2
Seyd, Richard	2
Shearer, Norma	2
Shennan, Flora	2
Shirai, Mitsuko	2
Shore, Dinah	2
Sills, Milton	2
Skrowaczewski, Stanislaw	2
Smith, C. Aubrey	2
Solti, Georg	2
Soomer, Walter	2
Soot, Fritz	2
South, Pamela	2
Southern, Ann	2
Southern, Ed	2
Spivakovsky, Tossy	2
Stapleton, Jean	2
Steinberg, WM.	2
Sterling, Robert	2
Stern, Isaac	2
Stokes, Belle	2
Stravinsky, Igor	2
Sullivan, Brian	2
Svanholm, Set	2
Swain, Mack	2
Swanson, Gloria	2
Swarthout, Gladys	2
Sze, Yi-Kwei	2
Szigeti, Joseph	2
Talmadge, Norma	2
Talmadge, Richard	2
Terry, Fred	2
Tetzlaff, Christian	2
Thomas, John Charles	2
Thomas, Michael Tilson	2
Thomas, Olive	2
Thompson – The Lydia Thompson Troupe	2
Titcomb, La	2
Tarkanowsky, Werner	2
Traubel, Helen	2
Tucker, Sophie	2
Turner, Claramae	2
Turocy, Catherine	2

Series 1

Name	Box
Turrini, Roberto	2
Van Beinum, Eduardo	2
Van Buren, Mary	2
Verreau, Richard	2
Vogelstrom, Fritz	2
Von Stade, Frederica	2
Walburn, Raymond	Oversize box 5
Walker, Sydney	2
Walter, Bruno	2
Warenskjold, Dorothy	2
Warner, H.B.	2
Watts, Andre	2
Wavy Gravy	2
Weil, Oscar	2
Wenkhaus, Carl	2
Whang, Francis	2
Williams, Mrs. Barney	2
Williams, Katheryne	2
Yankoff, Ventislav	2
Ziegfeld, Flo	2
Ziesak, Ruth	2
Zimbalist, Efrem	2
Zinman, David	2
Unidentified	2
	Oversize box 5

Film / Stage Production	Box
Film. Affinities.	3
Film. Albatros	Oversize box 5
Film. All Mine to Give.	3
Film. Amphitryon.	3
Film. Any Wife.	3
Film. Bambi.	3
Film. The Best Man.	3
Film. The Better 'Ole.	3
Film. Bicycle Thief.	3
Film. Big Clock.	3
Film. Birth of the Blues.	3
Film. Born to Kill. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Caine Mutiny. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Can't Help Singing.	3
Film. Canterville Ghost.	3
Film. Carnival.	3
Film. Caught in the Draft.	3
Film. Commandos Strike at Dawn	3
Film. Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	3
Film. Crusades.	3
Film. The Cup of Life.	3
Film. D.O.A. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Dark Passage. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Deep in my Heart.	3
Film. The Devil Within.	3
Film. Divided Triangle.	3
Film. Doing Her Bit.	3
Film. Doll's House.	3
Film. Dream Cheater.	3
Film. The Figurehead.	3
Film. The Fire Brigade. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. A Fool and His Money.	3
Film. Foreign Correspondent.	3
Film. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse	3
Film. A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum.	3
Film. Genevieve.	3
Film. GiGi	3
	Oversize box 5
Film. Glenn Miller Story.	3
Film. Greater Than Love.	3
Film. Greed. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Green Flame.	3
Film. This Gun for Hire. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3

Film / Stage Production	Box
Film. Harvest Moon.	3
Film. Heiress of Coffee Dan.	3
Film. Helen of Troy.	3
Film. Hell on Frisco Bay. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Hells Outpost.	3
Film. Her Painted Hero.	3
Film. His Auto Ruination Mark Swain.	3
Film. His Pride and Shame.	3
Film. Homespun Folks.	3
Film. Hudson's Bay.	3
Film. I Remember MaMa. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. If I were King.	3
Film. The Impatient Years. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Jacare.	3
Film. Kismet (?)	3
Film. The Lady from Shanghai. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Leave 'em Laughing.	3
Film. Lights of New York.	3
Film. The Line up. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. The Maltese Falcon. (SAN FRANCISCO)	3
Film. Men, Women, and Money.	3
Film. Modern Salome.	3
Film. New York Town.	3
Film. No Leave, No Love.	3
Film. No 99.	3
Film. One Night in Lisbon.	3
Film. Overland Riders.	3
Film. The Pagan.	4
Film. Passport to Destiny.	4
Film. Pearl of the South Pacific.	4
Film. Perils of Pauline.	4
Film. Public Pigeon No.1.	4
Film. The Quarterback.	4
Film. The Remarkable Andrew.	4
Film. Saint's Double Trouble.	4
Film. San Francisco (SAN FRANCISCO)	4
Film. San Quentin. (SAN FRANCISCO)	4
Film. Sapphire.	4
Film. Sea Lion.	4
Film. A Self Made Man.	4
Film. Seven Bald Pates.	4
Film. Short and Snappy.	4
Film. Silent. CA. 1915.	4

Film / Stage Production	Box
Silent. Comedy Stills.	4
Silent Stills	4
Doner, Martin J. (Art Director, National Film Corp)	4
Film. A Society Exile.	4
Films Son of Monte Cristo. (SAN FRANCISCO)	4
Film. Stepping out.	4
Film. Strange Idols.	4
Film. Summertime.	4
Film. Swingin' Along. (SAN FRANCISCO)	4
Film. Tennessee Johnson.	4
Film. This Could be the Night.	4
Film. Three Live Ghosts.	4
Film. Three Musketeers.	4
Film. Tobacco Road.	4
Film. Touch of Evil.	4
Film. Tutttles of Tahiti.	4
Film. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.	4
Film. Union Pacific.	4
Film. Volcano.	4
Film. Washee Ironee. Our Gang.	4
Film. Wedding Blues.	4
Film. The White Moll.	4
Film. The White Tower.	4
Film. The World Aflame	4
Film. You're Darn Tootin.	4
Opera. Porgy and Bess.	4
Play. At The Cabaret Chat Noir	4
Play. The Bad Seed	4
Play. The Broadcast of the Century.	4
Play. Crazy for You.	4
Play. The Diary of Anne Frank.	4
Play. Full Moon.	4
Play. The Film Society.	4
Play. Good	4
Play. Hedda Gabler.	4
Play. Lilliom.	4
Play. Make Somone Happy	4
Play. The Odd Couple.	4
Play. Pageant.	4
Play. Pygmalion.	4
Play. Scapin.	4
Play. Scores of Friends.	4
Play. She Stoops to Conquer.	4

Series 2

Film / Stage Production	Box
Play. String of Pearls.	4
Play. Uncle Vanya.	4