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Guide to the

**Queenie Smith papers**

1916-1958

\*T-Mss 2000-047

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## Summary

**Creator:** Smith, Queenie, 1902-1978

**Title:** Queenie Smith papers

**Date:** 1916-1958

**Size:** .4 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Jean Marie Ruiz, 2013

**Abstract:** The Queenie Smith papers contain photographs, correspondence, programs, and scripts documenting the career of actress Queenie Smith.

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## Creator History

Actress Queenie Smith danced with the Metropolitan Opera Company and performed in theater, film and television. Smith also worked for the Theatre Guild.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection includes correspondence, photographs, programs, scripts, and a few clippings documenting the career of actress Queenie Smith, from 1916 to 1958. Much of the correspondence relates to her managerial work for the Theatre Guild. Correspondents include critic Robert Garland and director Vincent Donehue. Photographs are mostly portraits and publicity shots, as well as some production photographs. Also included are scripts for *The Boy Friend* and *Allegro*.

**Arrangement:** Alphabetical by folder title

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Actors (performing artists)

### **Subjects**

Actresses -- United States

### **Titles**

Allegro

The Boy Friend

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

Photographs

Scripts

Theater programs

### **Names**

Theatre Guild

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 *Allegro Script* 1947 May 5
- b. 1 f. 2 *Betty Lanyon--To and From--On Picnic Tour and New York Finances* 1954
- b. 1 f. 3 *The Boy Friend Script*
- b. 1 f. 4 Correspondence 1946-1954
- b. 1 f. 5 Correspondence 1954
- b. 1 f. 6 Correspondence and Biographical Material 1916-1958
- b. 1 f. 7 Photographs 1940s-1955
- b. 1 f. 8 Photographs, Clippings and Note 1923-1955
- b. 1 f. 9 Photographs, Program and Brochure 1920s-1951
- b. 1 f. 10 *Programs and Hollywood Reporter* 1946-1954
- b. 1 f. 11 *Programs and Mrs. Gibbons' Boys Acting Edition* 1932-1958