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Guide to the

Karen Sunde papers

1963-2008

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Summary

Creator: Sunde, Karen

Title: Karen Sunde papers

Date: 1963-2008

Size: .63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Gift of Karen Sunde, 2005-2010.

Abstract: Karen Sunde (born 1942) is an American playwright and actress. Sunde began writing for the stage in the late 1970s, and her plays have been produced Off-Broadway, in regional theaters, and internationally. In addition to plays, screenplays, and radio drama, Sunde is the author of five Kabuki adaptations of classic Shakespeare and Greek drama. The Karen Sunde papers date from 1963 to 2008 and contain biographical information and production files with scripts, programs, clippings, fliers, and photographs documenting the production of Sunde's plays, including Kabuki plays and radio plays. Materials are in English, Japanese, and German.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Kabuki plays

Off-Broadway theater

Theater -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Scripts

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Biographical 1976-1993
Productions
- b. 1 f. 2 1963-2007
- b. 1 f. 3 *Achilles* 1991
- b. 1 f. 4 *Anton, Himself and Masha, Too* 1989-1994
- b. 1 f. 5 *Balloon* 1983
- b. 1 f. 6 *Dark Lady* 1982-1988
- b. 1 f. 7 *The Fastest Woman Alive* 2003-2008
- b. 1 f. 8 *Free Market--20/20 Sexcare* 2001
- b. 1 f. 9 *The Flower's Last Child* 1991
Alternate title: *Day Before Noon*.
- b. 1 f. 10 *Haiti, A Dream; or Voodoo to Paradise* 1990
- b. 1 f. 11 *How His Bride Came to Abraham* 2002-2008
- b. 1 f. 12 *In a Kingdom by the Sea* 1992-2006
- b. 1 f. 13 *Kabuki Lady Macbeth* 2005
- b. 1 f. 14 *Kabuki Macbeth* 1988
- b. 1 f. 15 *Kabuki Othello* 1986-2007
- b. 2 f. 1 *Me Joan (La Pucelle)* 1993-1994
- b. 2 f. 2 *Please God, No Wedding or Shooting at the End* 2001
- b. 2 f. 3 *Quasimodo* 1986-1988
- b. 2 f. 4 *The Running of the Deer* 1978
- b. 2 f. 5 *Spa, A Joy of Woman's Desiring* 2006
- b. 2 f. 6 *To Moscow* 1988-1996