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Guide to the

**Ellyn Polshek collection of materials about Yip Harburg**

1977-2005 [bulk 1978]

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## Summary

**Collector:** Polshek, Ellyn

**Title:** Ellyn Polshek collection of materials about Yip Harburg

**Date:** 1977-2005 [bulk 1978]

**Size:** 1.09 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by Ellyn Polshek, 2016.

**Abstract:** Yip Harburg (1896-1981, née Isidore Hochberg) was an American lyricist best known for the Oscar winning song Over the Rainbow. The Ellyn Polshek collection of materials about Yip Harburg, dated 1977 to 2005, holds a manuscript copy and research files for the book entitled *The Business Of Rainbows: The Life and Lyrics of E.Y. Harburg* by John Lahr; a commemorative stamp, an exhibit brochure, and several letters including one from Harburg and posters.

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Postage stamps  
Posters

**Occupations**

Lyricists

**Subjects**

Lyricists -- United States  
Songs -- Texts

**Names**

Harburg, E. Y. (Edgar Yipsey), 1896-1981  
Lahr, John, 1941-

## Container List

- Lahr, John. The Business Of Rainbows: The Life And Lyrics Of E. Y. Harburg*
- b. 1 f. 1-3 Manuscript Copy 1978  
Research Files
  - b. 1 f. 4-7 1978
  - b. 2 f. 1-4 1978, 2005
  - b. 2 f. 5 *The Necessity Of Rainbows* 1997
  - b. 2 f. 6 Commemorative Stamp Honoring Yip Harburg 2005  
Two partial sheets of stamps.
  - b. 2 f. 7 Letters 1977, 1982  
Posters
  - b. 3 f. 1 *The Earle Schedule...E. Y. Harburg* undated
  - b. 3 f. 2 *Flahooley. City University of New York* undated