

Inventory of the Susan Chute papers, 1985-1996

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Susan Chute papers, 1985-1996.

Collection ID: *T-Mss 1999-022

Creator: Chute, Susan .

Extent: .75 linear feet (2 boxes)

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Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open to the public. Photocopying prohibited. Advance notice may be required

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Biographical Note

Susan Chute is a stage lighting designer who has created her own designs and worked as an assistant or associate to several prominent designers, notably Richard Nelson, Stephen Strawbridge, James F. Ingalls, and special effects designer Gergory Meeh of Jauchem & Meeh, Inc.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of production materials from nine plays reflecting the work of Susan Chute as well as her work as a design associate/assistant. It includes scripts, lighting plots, notes, schedules, scenic breakdowns, contact sheets and equipment lists. The productions, arranged alphabetically by title, are: Scarlatti's opera, *La Caduta de' Decemviri*, The National Actors Theatre 1994 production of Clifford Odets' *The Flowering Peach*, *Gray's Anatomy* by Jim Leonard, Jr., the musical, *Jekyll and Hyde* in its pre-Broadway tour, *Rum and Coke* by Keith Reddin (script only), *Shoeman* by Jeff Daniels (lighting plot only), *Swinging on a Star* by Michael Leeds, Shakespeare's *Timon of Athens* (script only), and *Translations* by Brian Friel (script only).

Container Listing

- b. 1 f. 1 *La caduta de' decemviri* / Alessandro Scarlatti, 1992
1 folder
The file contains libretto, score, scenic breakdown, scene and lighting notes and diagrams, rehearsal schedule and contact sheet for the Opera Antica productions of Scarlatti's opera, *La Caduta de Decemviri* in New York City and Palm Beach, Florida.
- b. 1 f. 2 *The flowering peach* / Clifford Odets, 1994
1 folder
Primarily lighting documentation for the National Actors Theatre Broadway production of *The Flowering Peach* at the Lyceum Theatre. Contains diagrams, schedules, contact lists and extensive notes and charts on the stage lighting.
- b. 1 f. 3 *Gray's anatomy* / Jim Leonard, 1992
1 folder
Typescript called "Draft Two/March 1992" has a few cues written in pencil. Folder also contains a light plot.
- b. 1 f. 4 *Jekyll & Hyde* / Frank Wildhorn, 1995
1 folder
Effects information for the pre-Broadway tour of *Jekyll & Hyde*, music by Wildhorn, book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse, adapted from the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. Includes contact sheet, schedule, cue lists, memos on scene breakdown, diagrams, notes and user's manuals on equipment for lighting and special effects.
- b. 1 f. 5 *Jekyll & Hyde* / Frank Wildhorn, 1994
1 folder
Typescript with a few cues written in pencil for *Jekyll & Hyde*, music by Wildhorn, book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse, adapted from the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson.
- b. 2 f. 1 *Jekyll & Hyde* / Frank Wildhorn, 1995
1 folder
Typescript with light cues written in for *Jekyll & Hyde*, music by Wildhorn, book and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse, adapted from the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. Includes clipping of review.
- b. 2 f. 2 *Rum and coke* / Keith Reddin, August 27, 1985
1 folder
Typescript with a few changes written in. List of scenes for Act Two differs from script of same date in New York Shakespeare Festival files.
- b. 2 f. 3 *Shoeman* / Jeff Daniels, April 10, 1991

1 folder
Preliminary light plot for the production of *Shoeman* at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, Michigan.

b. 2 f. 4 *Swinging on a star: the songs of Johnny Burke* / Michael Leeds,
January 21, 1996
1 folder
Clean typescript with song lyrics and a schematic of lightbox wiring and circuiting.

b. 2 f. 5 *Timon of Athens* / William Shakespeare, 1993
1 folder
Clean typescript [Fall 1993]. Written on title page: "Susan Chute Asst. lights".

b. 2 f. 6 *Translations* / Brian Friel
1 folder
Clean typescript [n.d.].