

Guide to the James Gelb Papers, 1943-1976

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Descriptive Summary

Title: James Gelb Papers, 1943-1976.

Creator: Gelb, James, 1906-1985

Collection ID: *T-Mss 1990-007

Size: .25 lin. ft. (1 box)

Repository: The The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
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Abstract: The collection consists primarily of correspondence to James Gelb. Most of the correspondence is from Harold Clurman.

Administrative Information

Source: The papers were received in 1989 from Dolores Deane Walker and Anthony J. Distini, Jr.

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

Restrictions on Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, Billy Rose Theatre Division.

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Biographical Note

James Gelb, Broadway stage manager, was born in 1906. He began his career as a member of Eva LeGallienne's Civic Repertory Company in the 1930s and later worked with the Group Theater. He worked on most of the plays directed by Harold Clurman and for producers and directors such as Kermit Bloomgarden, Elia Kazan, and Robert Whitehead. He died October 16, 1985.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes correspondence, the bulk of which is from Harold Clurman. Other materials include a small amount of production materials.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence, 1943-1976

11 folders

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| b. 1 | f. 1 | A-L, 1943-1970 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 2 | M-Z, 1943-1970 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 3 | Clurman, Harold, 1953-1959 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 4 | Clurman, Harold, 1960-1964 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 5 | Clurman, Harold, 1965-1966 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 6 | Clurman, Harold, 1967-1969 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 7 | Clurman, Harold, 1970-1972 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 8 | Clurman, Harold, 1974-1975 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 9 | Clurman, Harold, 1976 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 10 | <i>Invitation to a March</i> , 1960 1 folder |
| b. 1 | f. 11 | Unidentified 1 folder |

Series II: Production Materials
2 folders

b. 1 f. *The Cold Wind and the Warm* - Property plot
12 1 folder

b. 1 f. *Love Me a Little* - Production costs
13 1 folder

