

Guide to the “Triumph of Joan” Theatre Production Photograph Collection RG 12.1.8

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Summary Information

Repository	Sarah Lawrence College Archives
Title	"Triumph of Joan" Theatre Production Photograph Collection
Date	1950
Extent	1.25 linear feet 1 flat box
Language	English
Graphic materials [Oversize]	1

Historical note

In 1950, the Whitney Foundation commissioned Professor Norman Dello Joio, a member of the music faculty of Sarah Lawrence College, to compose a new opera, the "Triumph of Joan." The production, especially created for performance by the students of Sarah Lawrence College, ran for six performances in May, 1950. Dello Joio collaborated with Joseph Machlis, professor of music at Queen's College, on the text of the opera. A multi-level set, designed and constructed by students of the College allowed for performances in arena-style. The only space large enough to accommodate the production was Bates Assembly. The production combined the three areas of performing arts at the College – dance, theatre, and music.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of photographic prints, contact sheets, and negatives of various stages of the theatre production "Triumph of Joan" at Sarah Lawrence College in 1950. The photographs were taken by various photographers, who are noted on the reverse side of the photographs. Negatives are housed next to the image they represent.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Terms of use

The collection is open to researchers without restriction.

Acquisition note

The provenance of this collection is unknown.

Related Materials

See also

Newspaper clippings and correspondence on the "Triumph of Joan" in the Performing Arts records.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Sarah Lawrence College. Dance Department.
- Sarah Lawrence College. Music Department.
- Sarah Lawrence College. Theatre Department.

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Dello Joio, Norman, 1913-2008
- Machlis, Joseph, 1906-1998

Collection Inventory

	Oversize	Folder
Contact Sheets 1950	1	1
Costume Fittings 1950	1	2
Gisela Fisher (as Joan) 1950	1	3
Performances 1950	1	4
Rehearsals 1950	1	5
Set Construction 1950	1	6
Performances (oversized) 1950	1	7
Rehearsals (oversized) 1950	1	8
Set Construction (oversized) 1950	1	9