

Guide to the Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs of Theatrical Performers Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 267

CREATOR: Schlenk, Josephine, 1908- , collector

TITLE: Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk photographs of theatrical performers collection

DATES: 1927–1930

BULK DATES: 1927–1930

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.21 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk, 1927-1930. The Schlenk sisters were cast members of the musical, *Gay Paree*, directed by Jacob J. Shubert. Many of the photographs are portraits of their fellow cast members, as well as other theatrical performers. Portraits of individuals include the Schlenk sisters, as well as James Allatin, Alice Boulden, Irene Cornell, Patsy Costello, Dulcy Dowd, Bobby Pinkus, James Rennie, Charles "Chic" Sale, Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton, Eric Titus, Lillian Ward, and Lorraine Weimar. Interior group portraits show the cast of *Gay Paree* at Bob Berger's, a restaurant in Boston, Massachusetts, 1928. The collection includes a program for *Gay Paree* at the Shubert Theatre February 6, 1928.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Ian Brabner, Bookseller, on the Elizabeth Wakeman Dwight Memorial Fund, 2006.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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Series I: Photographs, 1927-1930

35 *Photographic Prints*

Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk

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b. 1, f. 1	Allatin, James (b. 1905) <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Member of Give and Take Show, 1926-1927 Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photograph by Strand, New York City, New York	circa 1927
b. 1, f. 2	Boulden, Alice <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photograph by Rayhuff Richter, Chicago, Illinois	1930
b. 1, f. 3	Cornell, Irene <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photograph by H. Golden, 104 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts Images depicts her body covered in gold paint for a dance performance entitled "The Gold Plaque"	1928
b. 1, f. 4	Costello, Patsy <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk Photograph by Hixton Studios, Kansas City, Missouri	1927
b. 1, f. 5	Dowd, Dulcy <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois	1927
b. 1, f. 6	Pinkus, Bobby (b. 1908) <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Born Peter James Accardy, later known as Peter James Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by Strand, New York City, New York	circa 1927
b. 1, f. 7	Rennie, James (1890-1965) <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Miss Schlenk	1930, Mar

b. 1, f. 8	Sale, Charles "Chic" (1885-1936) <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk	no date
b. 1, f. 9	Schlenk, Josephine, and Sophie Schlenk <i>9 Photographic Prints</i> Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois	no date
b. 1, f. 10	Skelton, Red (1913-1997) <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk	no date
b. 1, f. 11	Titus, Eric <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois	1928
b. 1, f. 12	Ward, Lillian <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois	1927
b. 1, f. 13	Weimar, Lorraine <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by deBarron Studios, New York City, New York	circa 1927
	Unidentified Surnames	circa 1927
b. 1, f. 14	Cookie <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois	1927, Aug 23
b. 1, f. 15	Margaret <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk Photograph by Herbert Mitchell, New York	circa 1927
b. 1, f. 16	Midge <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photograph by Daguerre Studios, Chicago, Illinois	circa 1927
b. 1, f. 17	Tern <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photograph by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois	circa 1927
	Group Photographs	circa 1927-1930

Group Photographs (continued)

b. 1, f. 18	Interior group portraits of the cast of <i>Gay Paree</i> <i>2 Photographic Prints</i> Taken in Bob Berger's, a restaurant located at 256 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, adjacent to the Metropolitan Theatre	1928, Feb 28
b. 1, f. 19	Exterior portrait of four women, two men, and a dog <i>1 Photographic Print</i> Taken in Jackson, Michigan	circa 1927-1930

Series II: Printed Material, 1928

b. 1, f. 20

Broad Street Theatre and Shubert Theatre Combined Programme *Gay Paree*

1928, Feb 6

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Actors -- Portraits
Dancers -- Pictorial works
Dancers -- Portraits
Entertainers -- Pictorial works
Entertainers -- Portraits
Theater -- New York (State) -- New York
Theatrical companies -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Photographic prints
Studio portraits

Names

Allatin, James, b. 1905 -- Portraits
Boulden, Alice -- Portraits
Cornell, Irene -- Portraits
Costello, Patsy -- Portraits
Dowd, Dulcy -- Portraits
Pinkus, Bobby, b. 1908 -- Portraits
Rennie, James, 1890-1965 -- Portraits
Sale, Charles, 1885-1936 -- Portraits
Schlenk, Josephine, 1908- -- Portraits
Schlenk, Sophie, 1910- -- Portraits
Shubert, Jacob J., 1878?-1963 -- Portraits
Skelton, Red, 1913-1997 -- Portraits
Titus, Eric -- Portraits
Ward, Lillian -- Portraits
Weimar, Lorraine -- Portraits

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