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

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 267

**CREATOR:** Schlenk, Josephine, b. 1908

**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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- b. box
- f. folder
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Scope and Contents
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Arrangement
Photographs arranged alphabetically by the surname of the performer, followed by individuals with unidentified surnames, group portraits. The collection includes a program for Gay Paree at the Shubert Theatre February 6, 1928.
### Collection Contents

#### Series I. Photographs

*35 Photographic Prints*

Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk. Photographs arranged alphabetically by the surname of the performer, followed by individuals with unidentified surnames, and group portraits.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Allatin, James (b. 1905)  
2 Photographic Prints  
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  
1 Photographic Print  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photograph by Rayhuff Richter, Chicago, Illinois | 1930 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Cornell, Irene  
2 Photographic Prints  
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  
1 Photographic Print  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk  
Photograph by Hixton Studios, Kansas City, Missouri | 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Dowd, Dulcy  
2 Photographic Prints  
Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois | 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Pinkus, Bobby (b. 1908)  
2 Photographic Prints  
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)  
1 Photographic Print  
Inscription to Miss Schlenk | 1930, Mar |
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| b. 1, f. 8 | Sale, Charles “Chic” (1885-1936)  
*1 Photographic Print*  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk | no date |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Schlenk, Josephine, and Sophie Schlenk  
*9 Photographic Prints*  
Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois | no date |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Skelton, Red (1913-1997)  
*1 Photographic Print*  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk | no date |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Titus, Eric  
*2 Photographic Prints*  
Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photographs by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois | 1928 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Ward, Lillian  
*2 Photographic Prints*  
Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois | 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Weimar, Lorraine  
*2 Photographic Prints*  
Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photographs by deBarron Studios, New York City, New York | circa 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Cookie  
*2 Photographic Prints*  
Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois | 1927, Aug 23 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Margaret  
*1 Photographic Print*  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk  
Photograph by Herbert Mitchell, New York | circa 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Midge  
*1 Photographic Print*  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photograph by Daguerre Studios, Chicago, Illinois | circa 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Tern  
*1 Photographic Print*  
Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk  
Photograph by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois | circa 1927 |

**Group Photographs**  
circa 1927–1930
### Group Photographs (continued)

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<td>b. 1, f. 18</td>
<td>1928, Feb 28</td>
<td><strong>Interior group portraits of the cast of Gay Paree</strong>&lt;br&gt;2 Photographic Prints&lt;br&gt;Taken in Bob Berger’s, a restaurant located at 256 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, adjacent to the Metropolitan Theatre</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 19</td>
<td>circa 1927–1930</td>
<td><strong>Exterior portrait of four women, two men, and a dog</strong>&lt;br&gt;1 Photographic Print&lt;br&gt;Taken in Jackson, Michigan</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 20</td>
<td>Broad Street Theatre and Shubert Theatre Combined Programme <em>Gay Paree</em></td>
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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, b. 1908 -- Portraits
- Schlenk, Sophie, b. 1910 -- Portraits
- Shubert, Jacob J., 1878?-1963 -- Portraits
- Skelton, Red, 1913-1997 -- Portraits
- Titus, Eric -- Portraits
- Ward, Lillian -- Portraits
- Weimar, Lorraine -- Portraits