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# Guide to the National Ubu Roi Bake-Off Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1145

**CREATOR:** Vogel, Paula

**TITLE:** National Ubu Roi Bake-Off collection

**DATES:** 2018

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The National Ubu Roi Bake-Off Collection consists of thirty-six plays written during a grassroots event organized by the playwright Paula Vogel. The event took place on President's Day, February 19, 2018.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired by gift from various sources, 2018. For more information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

National Ubu Roi Bake-Off Collection. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## National Ubu Roi Bake-Off

The National Ubu Roi Bake-Off was a grassroots event organized by playwright Paula Vogel. A bake-off is a writing exercise that requires its participants to write a piece on an assigned theme with assigned elements within 48 hours. Participants then gather and stage readings of their pieces.

On President's Day, February 19, 2018, playwrights and community members gathered for a bake-off inspired by Ubu Roi, a play by Alfred Jarry that opened and closed on December 10, 1896. Eighteen bake-offs were listed on Paula Vogel's website at locations across the United States, with one bake-off in Canada; many more informal bake-off gatherings also occurred.

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## Scope and Contents

The National Ubu Roi Bake-Off Collection consists of thirty-six plays written during a grassroots event organized by the playwright Paula Vogel. The event took place on President's Day, February 19, 2018.

Information about location and the affiliated event has been included where it was provided by the authors of the plays.

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## Arrangement

Organized alphabetically by playwright.

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## Collection Contents

b.1	<p>"Oh What a Pig You Are, Pa Ubu." English Bix, Karen Helfand , author Karen Helfand Bix is also known as Kit Bix.</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Karen Helfand Bix, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Ubu Prex." English Boerst, Matthew , author This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Matthew Boerst, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"A Very Stable Genius." English Bohannon, Sharai , author Brinkley, Ben , author Burbano, Diana , author Burdick, Greg , author Carnes, Rachael , author Henry, Jordan Elizabeth , author This play was written by six authors based in different locations: Sharai Bohannon (Chicago, IL), Ben Brinkley (Eugene, OR), Diana Burbano (Los Angeles, CA), Greg Burdick (Lakeland, FL), Rachael Carnes (Eugene, OR), and Jordan Elizabeth Henry (Chattanooga, TN).</p> <p>Gift of Sharai Bohannon, Ben Brinkley, Diana Burbano, Greg Burdick, Rachael Carnes, and Jordan Elizabeth Henry, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Fuck Soup." English Brandt, Jonathan , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Jonathan Brandt, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"Reality by Committee." English Brown, Julia M. , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Julia M. Brown, 2018.</p>	2018 February

b.1	<p>"UbuCake." English Burbano, Diana , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, CA. Gift of Diana Burbano, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"Ubu Ours." English Burnside, James E. , author This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in Austin, TX. Gift of James E. Burnside, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Ubu 45." English Cajal, Oana Maria This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in Montreal, Canada. Gift from Oana Maria Cajal, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Now What?" English D'Alois, Roberta , author This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in San Francisco, CA. Gift from Roberta D'Alois, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Covfefe Roi." English Erickson, Cass , author Erickson, Rollie , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN. Gift from Cass Erickson and Rollie Erickson, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"Oedipus Pence." English Gilbert, Siobhan , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Where Are They Going Theatre in New York, NY. Gift of Siobhan Gilbert, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"The Covfefe Conspiracy." English Glover, Katherine , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center. Gift of Katherine Glover, 2018.</p>	2018 February

b.1	<p>"Mama OO." Goldman-Sherman, Emma , author This play was performed in a staged reading for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society in New York, NY. Gift of Emma Goldman-Sherman, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>[Untitled]. English Heath, Cara Beth , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago, IL. Gift of Cara Beth Heath, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"The United Nations Talk Show." English Hildebrandt, Bradley , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN. Gift of Bradley Hildebrandt, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"The Giant Cheeseburger from Space." English Huszcza, Jen , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, CA. Gift of Jen Huszcza, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"Feel Nothing at All Costs." English Jacqueline, Alayna , author Alayna Jacqueline is also known as Alayna Barnes. This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at The Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN. Gift of Alayna Jacqueline, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"The Great American Buffet." English Jagernauth, Tanuja , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago, IL. Gift of Tanuja Jagernauth, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"How to be a Winner in the Indignation Nation." English Johnson, Samie Jo , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago, IL. Gift of Samie Jo Johnson, 2018.</p>	2018 February

b.1	<p>"King Bubbu." English Kaufman, Daniel , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Antaeus Theatre in Glendale, CA. Gift of Daniel Kaufman, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Miłość and the Debraining Machine." English Lisinski, Kassia , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN. Gift of Kassia Lisinski, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Make Meat Great Again." English Meyer, Heather , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN. Gift of Heather Meyer, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Coup De Grasse." English Miller, D. Lee , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Dramatists Guild Foundation in New York, NY. Gift of D. Lee Miller, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"After Us the Savage God." English Milner, Terry , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Where Are They Going Theatre in New York, NY. Gift of Terry Milner, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Pere T-Rump: A Brief Deplorable." English Minigan, John , author This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Huntington Theatre/Boston Playwrights Theatre in Boston, MA. Gift of John Minigan, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>[Untitled]. English Miroshnik, Meg , author No location information was provided for this play. Gift of Meg Miroshnik, 2018.</p>	2018 February



b.1	<p>"Ubu Rot." English Perreault, Dale , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Music Hall of the Dramatists Guild Foundation in New York, NY.</p> <p>Gift of Dale Perreault, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>[Untitled]. English Poisson, Gabrielle , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at Yale University in New Haven, CT.</p> <p>Gift of Gabrielle Poisson, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Pre-Ubu (or how it all began)." English Polak, Brian James , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago, IL.</p> <p>Gift of Brian James Polak, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"The Consecration of Pa Ubu 45." English Rose, Stacey , author</p> <p>This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in Charlotte, NC.</p> <p>Gift of Stacey Rose, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Storm and Dang." English Rudnick, Eric , author</p> <p>This play was written for an Ubu Roi Bake-Off event in Los Angeles, CA.</p> <p>Gift of Eric Rudnick, 2018.</p>	2018 February 19
b.1	<p>"Turn Off Your Fucking Cellphones." English Sheppard, Tate , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Tate Sheppard, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Bedtime Story." English Teagle, Rachel , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Rachel Teagle, 2018.</p>	2018 February

b.1	<p>"Waking." English Wachs, Erica , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at Yale University in New Haven, CT.</p> <p>Gift of Erica Wachs, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"Beleeb Meeb." English Watson-Jones, Brian , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the Playwrights Center in Minneapolis, MN.</p> <p>Gift of Brian Watson-Jones, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>"An American Covefe." English Wegner, Zach , author</p> <p>This play was performed in a staged reading for the Ubu Roi Bake-Off event at the New Ohio Theater in New York, NY.</p> <p>Gift of Zach Wegner, 2018.</p>	2018 February
b.1	<p>Bake-Off information English</p> <p>Contains information printed off websites about the event: eight pages from Paula Vogel's website and one page from a blog post soliciting Bake-Off scripts for the collection, posted by Melissa Barton, the Curator of Prose and Drama for the Yale Collection of American Literature.</p>	2018 March 22

## **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**

Playwriting  
Theater

### **Genres / Formats**

Plays  
Playscripts

### **Names**

Jarry, Alfred, 1873-1907 -- Ubu roi --  
Adaptations  
Vogel, Paula