

Guide to the Lee Goebel Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 2103

CREATOR: Goebel, Lee Leona, 1923- , donor

TITLE: Lee Goebel papers

DATES: 1922-2018

BULK DATES: 1941-1946

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Lee Goebel papers contain over six hundred letters among Lee Goebel and her friends and family. The papers also include twenty-eight photographs of Goebel and her associates and information on Goebel compiled by Joel Helander.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Lee Goebel, 2019.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Lee Goebel Papers (MS 2103). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Related Materials

Related material: Berkeley College, Yale University, memorabilia (RU 442); Yale Miscellaneous Manuscripts collection (MS 1258).

Biographical / Historical

Leona "Lee" Goebel was born on July 12, 1923 in Morristown, New Jersey, to Leona Goebel and Gordon Goebel. As a child, Goebel received her nickname in order to distinguish her from her mother, Leona Goebel, and her maternal grandmother, Leona Timmons. Goebel graduated from Yale College in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. After graduating from Yale, Goebel traveled to Europe to continue her studies in music. Goebel toured throughout Europe, studying opera, choral music, and piano, and traveled to Salzburg, Austria; Frankfurt, Germany; Rome, Italy; and Basel, Switzerland. Goebel performed with the Basel Opera from 1957 until 1960, when she returned to Yale for graduate studies. Though Goebel began her graduate coursework at Yale, she transferred to Columbia University and continued her education there from 1963 to 1967. In 1967, she completed her dissertation and earned a PhD in English and Comparative Literature. After earning her doctorate, Goebel continued to contribute to academia, as she lectured at Western Michigan University, the University of North Carolina, Sacred Heart University, and finally, at Yale University for four years.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes correspondence and other materials documenting Lee Goebel's studies as a student at the Yale School of Music. The bulk of the collection comprises letters from Goebel to her mother while Goebel attended the Yale School of Music from 1941 to 1946. Her letters describe her social life and studies, which included English, dictation, voice, and the history of music. The collection also includes twenty-eight photographs of Goebel and her associates, concert programs, and biographical material about Goebel compiled by Joel Helander.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged under four headings: Goebel materials compiled by Joel Helander; Correspondence; Photographs; Documents pertaining to Ralph Kirkpatrick.

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Goebel materials compiled by Joel Helander
English

b. 1, f. 1	Joel Helander's notes on the Lee Goebel papers	2018
b. 1, f. 2	Biographical sketch of Lee Goebel by Joel Helander	2018 March 18
Correspondence English		
b. 1, f. 3-9	Letters to Leona Goebel	1941-1946
b. 2, f. 1-8	Letters to Leona Goebel	1941-1946
b. 3, f. 1-8	Letters to Leona Goebel	1941-1946
b. 4, f. 1-7	Letters to Leona Goebel	1941-1946
b. 5, f. 1-9	Letters to Leona Goebel	1941-1946
b. 6, f. 1-3	Letters from Leona Goebel	1950
b. 6, f. 4	Correspondence with Gordon Goebel	1941-1969
b. 6, f. 5	Letters to Leona Timmons	1922-1936
b. 6, f. 6	Letters from friends and classmates	1935-2004
b. 6, f. 7	Photographs of Lee Goebel, friends, family, and colleagues	undated
b. 6, f. 8	Documents pertaining to Ralph Kirkpatrick	1954-1984

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

Music -- Instruction and study
Women -- Education
Women graduate students
Yale University -- Students

Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Social life and customs

Genres / Formats

Letters (correspondence)
Photoprints