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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 480

**CREATOR:** Persson, Gene , author

**TITLE:** Gene Persson papers relating to *Dutchman*

**DATES:** 1960s-2007

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.92 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** The bulk of the papers relate to theater and film productions of *Dutchman* by Amiri Baraka, for which Gene Persson served as a producer, including correspondence, scripts, production materials, legal materials, promotional materials, financial records, photographs, and audiovisual materials. The papers also include additional writings and other materials by or about Amiri Baraka.

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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

Purchased from Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, Inc. on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2010.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Gene Persson

Eugene (Gene) Clair Persson (born in Long Beach, California, 1934) was a child actor before becoming a film and theater producer in California and New York. He died in 2008.

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## Amiri Baraka

Amiri Baraka, formerly LeRoi Jones, is an African American writer, critic, and activist.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. *Dutchman* materials, 1960s-2007. II. Non-*Dutchman* materials, 1964-1991. III. Audiovisual materials, circa 1994.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: *Dutchman* materials, 1960s-2007

4.5 linear feet 8.58 linear feet (7 boxes)

Contains various material relating to *Dutchman*, including financial material, correspondence, slides, and photographs.

Material is arranged in rough chronological order.

b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Printed Material	circa 1964
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - <i>The Toilet</i> - The Warner Playhouse	1964
b.1	Gene - New Paper Stories - <i>Dutchman</i> - <i>Toilet</i>	1964
b.1	D - 1st Budget	1965
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Reviews/Press - Theatre	1965
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production Budget	1965-1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Legal - Gregson & Wigan	1965-1967
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Correspondence - Potential Investors	1965-1968
b.1	D - Newspaper Clipping - Film Release	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Academy Awards	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Bills Paid - London 2 Folders	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Call Sheets	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production - Daily Cont. & Prod.	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production - Payroll Taxes	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Stock Footage	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production - Transportation	1966
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production - Work Permits & Forms	1966
b.1	Subway Slides NYC	1966
b.9 (Oversize)	<i>Variety</i>	1966 May 25
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Cabus	1966-1967
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Customs	1966-1967
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Production - Twickenham Studios	1966-1967
b.1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Original Signed Contracts - D Ltd. Partnership Agreement	1966-1967

b. 1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Vouchers London	1966-1967
b. 1	Irwin Dernier Photographer - John Barry Music	1966-1967
b. 1	<i>Dutchman</i> - Bills Due - London	1966-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Insurance	1966-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - L.A. Run	1966-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - Legal	1966-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - Limited Partnership	1966-1969
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - Tony Harvey	1966-1969
	<i>Dutchman</i> - Around the World	1966-1976
b. 2	Walter Reade Distribution	1960s
b. 2	Publicity	1966
b. 2	Denmark, Cuba, Belgium, Austria	1967-1968
b. 2	U.K.	1967-1968
b. 2	Holland, Greece, Germany, Far East	1967-1969
b. 2	South America, Socialist Countries, Noway, New Zealand - Dutchman Distr.	1967-1969
b. 2	West Indies, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain	1967-1969
b. 2	Israel, Australia	1967-1970
b. 2	France	1967-1976
b. 2	Planet Distribution Reports	1968-1976
b. 2	Diploma of Merit - Edinburgh Film Festival	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i>	1967
b. 8 (Oversize)	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Posters	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Cannes	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Contract correspondence	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Office Bills - Paid	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - SAG	1967
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> French Subtitle List	1967 May 5
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - Film Co.	1967-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Expenses	1967-1968
b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Festivals	1967-1968

b. 2	<i>Dutchman</i> - Financial reports	1967-1969
b. 2	Bills, Financial Statements - N.Y. and London <i>4 Folders</i>	1967-1970
b. 3	Bills, Financial Statements - N.Y. and London <i>3 Folders</i>	1967-1970
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Kaitlin	1968-1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Production - Italy	1968-1970
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i>	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Accountant - London	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - B.O. Statement - London	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Bank London - correspondence	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Bills Paid New York	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - British Quota	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> Distribution	1969
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Distribution	1969-1973
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> Film Audit	1970
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - publications	1971-2002
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> Slim Volumes	1979
b. 3	Marketing of <i>Dutchman</i>	1980s
b. 3	Janus Films - Copyright Filing - Richard Gordon Films - Part I - Important Files	1987-1988
b. 3	Janus Film - Richard Gordon - Part II <i>2 Folders</i>	1989-1990
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i> - Dick Gordon, Kit Parker, distribution, correspondence	1989-1992
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i>	1990s
b. 3	PBS <i>Dutchman</i> <i>2 Folders</i>	1990-1992
b. 3	Part III	1992-1993
b. 3	<i>Dutchman</i>	1992-1994
b. 4	Lannes Brochures, pamphlets <i>2 Folders</i>	1992-1995
b. 4	British Film Institute, copyright	1995-2000
b. 4	<i>Dutchman</i> <i>2 Folders</i>	1999-2007

b. 4	<i>Dutchman</i> - Image Entertainment 2 Folders	1999-2007
b. 4	"D.T. Company" - California	
b. 4	<i>Dutchman</i> French Scripts	
b. 9 (Oversize)	<i>Dutchman</i> Photographs	
b. 4	<i>Dutchman</i> Script	
b. 4	Final Shot List 5 Folders	
b. 4	Photographs 3 Folders	
	Correspondence	1968-2000
b. 5	1968-1975 3 Folders	1968-1975
b. 5	1970s 3 Folders	1970s
b. 5	1978-1986 2 Folders	1978-1986
b. 5	1980 2 Folders	1980
b. 5	1999-2000	1999-2000



**Series II: Non-Dutchman materials, 1964-1991***2.75 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Contains material relating to Amiri Baraka, also known as LeRoi Jones. Also contains additional material, such as catalogs.

Material is arranged in rough chronological order.

b. 6	<i>A Recent Killing</i> 10 Folders Includes rewrites and budget material.	1964; 1973-1978
b. 6	<i>SuperCoon . . . A Cartoon</i>	1970-1985
b. 6	Bill Melendez Productions - Limited	1971
b. 6	<i>Primitive World</i>	1983
b. 6	<i>The Toilet</i> Film Proposal	1983-1985
b. 6	Kit Parker Film Catalogs 2 Folders	1983-1991
b. 6	<i>The Slave: A Fable</i>	
b. 9 (Oversize)	<i>Toilet</i> Photographs	
b. 6	<i>The Toilet</i> (A Play in One Act)	
b. 6	<i>What Was the Relationship of the Lone Ranger to the Means of Production?</i>	
b. 6	Newspaper clipping and empty envelope	

**Series III: Audiovisual materials, circa 1994***0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

Material is arranged in rough chronological order.

b.7	<i>Dutchman</i> DVD Contains DVD dummy packaging.	circa 1994
b.7	<i>Dutchman</i> VHS	
b.7	<i>Dutchman</i> VHS	1994

## **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**

African American authors -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Baraka, Amiri, 1934-2014

Persson, Gene