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# Guide to the Haila Stoddard Play Script Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 249

**CREATOR:** Stoddard, Haila, 1913-2011

**TITLE:** Haila Stoddard playscript collection

**DATES:** 1944-1968

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Haila Stoddard Playscript Collection consists of twenty-two typed play scripts, relating to Stoddard's career as an actor and producer between 1944 and 1968. While none of Stoddard's own plays are included in her papers there are a number playscripts (a few of which are annotated) for projects she participated in as an actor (such as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and *Lunatics and Lovers*) and producer (such as *The Birthday Party*, *The Lemon Sky*, *The Survival of Saint Joan*, and *Lady Audley's Secret*).

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Haila Stoddard, 2002.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Haila Stoddard (1913-2011)

Haila Stoddard is known for her work as an actor, producer, writer and director. Born in Great Falls, Montana, Stoddard moved to Los Angeles, California, where she obtained a degree from the University of Southern California. In 1934 Stoddard made her first stage appearance at the Belasco, Los Angeles, in the play *Merrily We Roll Along*. During her career as an actress Stoddard appeared in a number of plays, movies, and television series including sixteen years as Pauline Rysdale in "The Secret Storm" (1954-1970). Stoddard's career took her across the United States and spanned theatrical genres (including comedy, drama, revue, and romance). Stoddard also worked as a producer, both independently and with her production company, Bonard Productions Incorporated, which she created with Helen Bonfils in 1960. In addition to adapting plays such as *Come Play with Me* and *Men, Women, and Less Alarming Creatures*, Stoddard also wrote plays such as *A Round With Ring* (1969) and *Zellerman, Arthur*(1979).

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Playscripts in the Haila Stoddard Playscript Collection are arranged alphabetically according to play title.

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## Collection Contents

### Playscripts, 1960-1969

b. 1, f. 1-2	<i>The Beast in Me</i> adapted by James Costigan, 2 copies	circa 1963
b. 1, f. 3	<i>The Birthday Party</i> by Harold Pinter	1967
b. 1, f. 4	<i>Comfort Me With Apples</i> by Sam Spewack	undated
b. 1, f. 5	<i>The Disenchanted</i> by Budd Schulberg and Harvey Breit	undated
b. 1, f. 6-7	<i>Lady Audley's Secret</i> adapted by Douglas Seale, 2 copies	circa 1972
b. 1, f. 8	<i>Landscape</i> by Harold Pinter	circa 1968
b. 1, f. 9	<i>Landscape</i> and <i>Silence</i> by Harold Pinter Plays <i>Landscape</i> and <i>Silence</i> bound together	circa 1968
b. 1, f. 10	<i>Lemon Sky</i> by Lanford Wilson	1968 August 30
b. 2, f. 11	<i>Luigi Pirandello's Enrico IV (Henry IV)</i> adapted by John Reich	undated
b. 2, f. 12	<i>Lunatics and Lovers</i> by Sidney Kingsley	1954
b. 2, f. 13	<i>Marathon '33</i> by June Havoc	circa 1964
b. 2, f. 14	<i>Rittenhouse Square</i> by Jack Kirkland Former title: "Afterglow"	1944
b. 2, f. 15-16	<i>A Round With Ring</i> adapted by Nathan Teitel and Haila Stoddard, 2 copies	circa 1969
b. 2, f. 17	<i>The Survival of St. Joan</i> by James Lineberger	undated
b. 2, f. 18	<i>A Thurber Carnival</i> by James Thurber	circa 1960
b. 2, f. 19	<i>Thurber and Company</i> adapted by Haila Stoddard Former title: "The Years With Ross"	undated
b. 3, f. 20	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i> by Edward Albee	1963
b. 3, f. 21	<i>Zuleika Dobson</i> by James Ferman	undated
b. 3, f. 22	Untitled Typescript for performance of excerpts from Dorothy Parker's writings	undated

## **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**

Actresses  
Actresses -- United States  
Television actors and actresses -- United States  
Theatrical producers and directors  
Theatrical producers and directors -- United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Playscripts

### **Names**

Pinter, Harold, 1930-2008  
Stoddard, Haila, 1913-2011  
Thurber, James, 1894-1961

### **Corporate Body**

Bonard Productions