

# Guide to the Alois M. Nagler Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1921

**CREATOR:** Nagler, A. M. (Alois Maria), 1907-1993

**TITLE:** Alois M. Nagler papers

**DATES:** 1932-1973

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers comprise correspondence, topical files, writings, and teaching materials documenting the career of Alois M. Nagler as theater historian, teacher, and author.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale School of Drama, 2008.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Alois Maria Nagler was born in Graz, Austria, in 1907, and educated at the University of Graz. In the 1930s he was a theater critic and literary editor for a Viennese newspaper. Nagler visited the United States as a guest lecturer in the late 1930s and did not return to Europe. In 1946 he joined the Yale faculty teaching theater history and was director of graduate studies in theater history until his retirement in 1976. Nagler was co-founder and past president of the International Federation for Theatre Research (IFTR) and co-founder and former chairman of the American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR). He is the author of *A Source Book in Theatrical History*. Nagler died in Wallingford, Connecticut, on August 5, 2008.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers comprise correspondence, topical files, writings, and teaching materials documenting the career of Alois M. Nagler as theater historian, teacher, and author.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by type of material.

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b. 1, f. 1-9	Correspondence	1932-1969
	Topical files	
b. 1, f. 10-12	American Society for Theatre Research (ASTR) correspondence and organizational materials	1958-1969
b. 1, f. 13-15	Blevins, Davis, <i>Rhapsody</i> , correspondence, drafts, and other materials <i>Rhapsody</i> was an operetta by Blevins based on a story by Nagler.  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	circa 1944
b. 1, f. 16	<i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i> correspondence English	1958
b. 1, f. 17-19	International Federation for Theatre Research (IFTR) correspondence and organizational materials	1959-1962
	Writings	
b. 1, f. 20	Odéon, Théâtre de France	1952-1972
b. 1, f. 21	Shakespeare und seine Bühne	circa 1952-1972
b. 1, f. 22	Viennese caprice	circa 1952-1972
b. 1, f. 23-24	Theatre festivals of the Medici	1964
b. 2, f. 1-2	Le tout Paris des premières	circa 1952-1972
b. 2, f. 3-17	Unsorted	circa 1952-1972
	Yale files	
b. 2, f. 18	D.F.A. plans	1950-1969
b. 2, f. 19-21	Exams and quizzes	1952-1972
b. 3, f. 1-2	Teaching materials, notes for drama seminar 136	circa 1952-1972
b. 3, f. 3-5	Theater collection	1941-1973

## **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**

Theater historians  
Theater -- History

### **Names**

Nagler, A. M. (Alois Maria), 1907-1993

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