

Guide to the Thomas Wilfred Papers

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, drawings, photographs, printed material, clippings, and miscellanea documenting the professional career of Thomas Wilfred, inventor of the clavilux and a prominent artist and developer of lumia, an artform which utilizes light as the medium of expression. Additional materials detail Wilfred's musical career as a lute player. The development of lumia within the field of kinetic art and the prominent role of Thomas Wilfred in this development, as an inventor, artist, performer, and teacher are documented. Correspondence with individuals, fellow artists, universities and organizations, and museums detail Wilfred's attempts to develop, promote and market the clavilux. Correspondents include: Eugene Epstein, Alfred N. Goldsmith, the Museum of Modern Art, W. Christian Sidenius, the Whitney Museum of Art, and several universities. Material detailing clavilux construction attempts and experimental work Wilfred performed, including extensive numbers of drawings, photographs and sketches of clavilux models, patents on the clavilux, contracts for performances, research data for design plans, compositions for "visual symphonies," and clippings and printed material on performances and recitals are included. Other materials include research data, clippings, and writings on the artform of lumia, and additional information for compositions written by Wilfred and articles published by Wilfred and others.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thomas Wilfred, 1983; W. Christian Sidenius, 1994-1995; Raymond Epstein, 1996; and Georgia M. Newton, 2009 (Accession 2010-M-026).

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Wilfred was born on June 18, 1889, in Naestved, Denmark. He studied music in Europe, achieving international status as a performer on the lute. He moved to the United States in 1916, and began to develop and perform on the clavilux and promote lumia as an art form. Wilfred died on August 15, 1968 in Nyack, New York. Wilfred toured the United States performing clavilux recitals, and appeared with such artists as Leopold Stokowski. He constantly designed new clavilux models, built and headed the Art

Institute of Light in New York, adapted the clavilux for scenic projections in theatre productions, and composed over fifty compositions for the clavilux.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, drawings, photographs, printed material, clippings and miscellanea documenting the professional career of Thomas Wilfred, inventor of the clavilux and a prominent artist and developer of lumia, an artform which utilizes light as the medium of expression, 1914-1968. Additional materials detail Wilfred's musical career as a lute player, 1914-1918.

The development of lumia within the field of kinetic art and the prominent role of Thomas Wilfred in this development, as an inventor, artist, performer, and teacher are documented. Correspondence with individuals, fellow artists, universities and organizations, and museums details Wilfred's attempts to develop, promote, and market the clavilux. Correspondents include: Eugene Epstein, Alfred N. Goldsmith, the Museum of Modern Art, W. Christian Sidenius, the Whitney Museum of Art, and several universities.

Material detailing the construction and experimental work Wilfred performed, including extensive numbers of drawings, photographs, and sketches of clavilux models, patents on the clavilux, contracts for performances, research data for design plans, compositions for "visual symphonies," and clippings and printed material on performances and recitals are arranged in the papers. Other materials include research data, clippings, and writings on the artform of lumia, and additional information for compositions written by Wilfred and articles published by Wilfred and others.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series and four additions: I. Correspondence, 1923-1968. II. Clavilux, Lumia, and Miscellanea, 1914-1968.

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Series I: Correspondence, 1923-1968

2 linear feet (4 boxes)

This series contains Wilfred's professional correspondence as inventor of the clavilux, the light projection machine used to create works of "lumia," a kinetic artform which utilizes light as a medium. Wilfred built clavilux machines of various sizes and capabilities, ranging from large models for amphitheatre performances to smaller versions for use in homes. This correspondence includes items about theatres, universities, and locales where clavilux performances and exhibits were staged, including Clairol, Inc. of New York, the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the state universities of Georgia, Nebraska, Oregon, and Washington. Correspondence with Alfred N. Goldsmith concerns the mutual efforts of the two men to market the clavilux as a commercial venture. Similarly, letters exchanged with Eugene Epstein detail the interests of a typical art collector in the availability of the clavilux and lumia compositions for personal use. W. Christian Sidenius wrote Wilfred frequently from 1960-1968 and the two men discussed their work on lumia in detail.

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Series II: Clavilux, Lumia, and Miscellanea, 1914-1968*22 linear feet (22 boxes, 2 folios)*

This series contains the research data, drawings, designs, patents, contracts, photographs, writings, clippings, and miscellanea relating to Wilfred's construction of clavilux models and performance of lumia compositions. The series is arranged in three sections: CLAVILUX, LUMIA, and MISCELLANEA.

CLAVILUX files contain extensive clippings files on specific performances, models, and the Art Institute of Light (folders 86-101). Numerous drawings and sketches of clavilux models and components are also organized in this section, and include several large design plans found in boxes 22 and 23. Specific clavilux installations and performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and the Hotel Sherman in Chicago are also documented. Photographs (box 10 and folio 27) illustrate several clavilux models and picture Thomas Wilfred installing machines and performing various works.

LUMIA files contain detailed instructions and plans for performing many of the compositions or "Opus" works which Wilfred authored. Major components of the clavilux, central to the performance of a lumia composition, are also documented, including the direct beam projector (folder 197), and the multiplate scenic projector (folder 210). The projected scenery application of lumia, that is, the use of the artform as the scenery in the production of a play, details another aspect of Wilfred's work (folders 214-216; 240).

MISCELLANEA files contain material on Wilfred's musical career as a lute player in Europe, obituary notices, and photographs.

This series is arranged in three sections: CLAVILUX, LUMIA, and MISCELLANEA. Material in each section is arranged alphabetically by topic and/or type.

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b. 15, f. 207	Lute A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	Undated
b. 15, f. 208	Medal	Undated
b. 15, f. 209	Miscellaneous	Undated
b. 15, f. 210	Multiplate scenic projector A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	Undated
b. 15, f. 211	Museum of Fine Art, New York	1904-1965
b. 15, f. 212	Odd instruments	Undated
b. 15, f. 213	Programs	Circa 1924-1925
	Projected scenery See also: box 21, folder 240	

Lumia > Projected scenery (continued)

b. 16, f. 214-215	Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois	1956
b. 16, f. 216	Instruments and settings	Undated
	Sidenius, W. Christian See also: box 27 See also: box 4, folder 61	
b. 15, f. 217	Clippings	Circa 1960-1969
b. 16, f. 218	Lumia theatre	1966
b. 16, f. 219	Stein, Donna: thesis on lumia	1966
b. 16, f. 220	Studios, recital instruments, compositions	Undated
b. 16, f. 221	Summer course	1942
b. 16, f. 222	Surveys and miscellanea	1938-1940
b. 16, f. 223	Television	1939-1949
b. 17, f. 224-226	Writings and drawings See also: box 21, folder 239	Undated
b. 18, f. 227-228	Writings by others	1918-1980
b. 19, f. 229-233	Writings by others	1914-1939
b. 20, f. 234-238	Writings by others	1942-1975 and undated
Miscellanea regarding Thomas Wilfred		
b. 26, f. 253-255	Lute	1914-1918
b. 26, f. 256	Obituaries	Circa 1968
b. 26, f. 257-259	Photographs, portraits and others	Undated

Accession 1995-M-038: Additional material, Circa 1947-1993

*0.38 linear feet
(2 boxes)*

This accession comprises a typescript and a videotape relating to Wilfred’s Lumia project.

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b. 1	<i>Lumia, the Art of Light</i> by Thomas Wilfred, annotated typescript English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	Circa 1947-1950
b. 2	<i>A History of Lumia</i> 1 Videocassette (VHS)	1993 September 14
b. 2-D	Duplicating master 1 Videocassette (VHS)	

Accession 1996-M-029: Additional material, Circa 1940-1992

This accession comprises correspondence and printed materials of Bulat Galejev; research notes; and visual and printed materials relating to Wilfred's Lumia project and other compositions.

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This accession also includes Accession 2010-M-026, folders 19-23 in box 1.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence from Bulat Galejev to W. Christian Sidenius	1989
b. 1, f. 19-21	Correspondence between John Ashby Conway and Thomas Wilfred re Clavilux	1949 December-1963 February
Pamphlets and books		
b. 1, f. 2	<i>Thomas Wilfred: Lumia Suite, Opus 158</i> (New York: Museum of Modern Art)	1963
b. 1, f. 22	<i>Thomas Wilfred: Lumia: A Retrospective Exhibition</i> , by Donna M. Stein, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. English	1971
b. 1, f. 3	Pamphlets on Bulat M. Galejev In English and Russian.	Circa 1980s
b. 1, f. 4-5	Books and pamphlets in Russian <i>6 Items</i>	1976-1992
b. 1, f. 6	Index cards relating to compositions	Circa 1940-1960
Visual materials		
Many of the negatives and prints are in their original enclosures. Researchers should request cotton gloves from the Reading Room Service desk prior to handling visual materials.		
b. 1, f. 7-9	Slides Includes Lumia compositions, color-related research, John Healy work, and projected theater scenery.	Circa 1940s-1960s
b. 3, f. 1-5	Glass slides and negatives Includes lantern slides for Star I and II, and glass slides and negatives for theater projection scenery and various compositions and projects.	Circa 1940s
b. 4, f. 1-2	Glass negatives of various compositions and projects	Circa 1940s
b. 1, f. 10-18	Prints and film negatives Includes 20 W. 22nd Street and Grand Central Palace projection room (480 Lexington Avenue), New York City; Model G and early home-recorded compositions; 2100 watt, 60 volt direct-beam projector for scenery; Seamus unit; Opus 162 Lucata; and various compositions and projects.	Circa 1940s-1960s
b. 1, f. 23	Photograph of Thomas Wilfred	Circa 1971

b. 2	Lumia sampler and "Lightscape" <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1983
b. 2-D	Duplicating master <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	

Accession 1997-M-012: Additional material, Circa 1959-1961

This accession comprises correspondence between Wilfred and Raymond Epstein regarding the purchase of a composition.

b. 1, f. 1

Correspondence

Circa 1959-1961

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Stein, Jules
Stokowski, Leopold, 1882-1977
Stulman, Julius
Vaill, George D.
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