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Guide to the

**John Gielgud collection**

1935-1952

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## Summary

**Creator:** Gilder, Rosamond

**Title:** John Gielgud collection

**Date:** 1935-1952

**Size:** .3 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, Gilder, Rosamund, 1958

**Abstract:** Rosamond Gilder (1896-1986), an American author and theatre figure in New York, was founder and president of the International Theater Institute. She wrote about the theatre and edited the letters of her father, Richard Watson Gilder. Collection consists of papers concerning the life and career of Sir John Gielgud, English actor and director. Includes typescripts of Gielgud's autobiography; letters from Hallam Fordham to Gilder about the autobiography; typescript of *The Hamlet Tradition* by John Gielgud; text of *Hamlet* as used in Gielgud-McClintic productions; and various drafts of John Gielgud's *Hamlet* (1937) by Gilder.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Actors -- England

Theater -- England

### **Names**

Gilder, Rosamond

Fordham, Hallam

Gielgud, John, 1904-2000

McClintic, Guthrie, 1893-1961

Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616