



The New York Public Library Music Division

Guide to the

Ernst Gruenberg collection of autographed postcards

1918-1920

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Summary

Creator: Gruenberg, Ernst, 1902-1971

Title: Ernst Gruenberg collection of autographed postcards

Date: 1918-1920

Size: 0.75 linear feet (100 postcards in 2 boxes)

Abstract: The Ernst Gruenberg collection of autographed postcards contains ninety-nine autographed picture postcards and one autograph musical quotation from musicians and actors in Vienna.

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Creator History

Ernst Gruenberg (1902-1971) was an avid opera and theater goer and collected autographed pictures of his favorite stage stars. He built his collection by writing letters to them requesting their autographs and more often than not, he received not only their actual signatures but their pictures as well delivered to his home address. After graduating from college, he had a successful career in the movie business.

In 1939 Gruenberg and his wife, Erna (née Krumholz), came to the United States to escape the perils of World War II. They fled the Nazis by literally skiing to safety in Switzerland. Most of his family perished in the war. He must have valued his autograph collection quite highly since it was one of the few items that he brought with him to his new country. He died in July 1971 in Queens, New York.

Custodial History

The Ernst Gruenberg collection of autographed postcards were a gift from his son, Michael Gruenberg.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: In alphabetical order by name of subject

Key Terms

Titles

Gruenberg, Michael

Subjects

Opera singers -- Pictorial works

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Singers -- Portraits

Names

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