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Guide to the

Gary Batson collection

1979-2012 [bulk 2004-2007]

Sc MG 872

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Summary

Creator: Batson, Gary, 1956-

Title: Gary Batson collection

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Abstract: Gary Batson is a playwright. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University, and two Masters of Arts degrees from Teachers College of Columbia University in education and communications. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of Maryland. In the 1980s, Batson was a member of the Frank Silvera Writers Workshop and involved with the Negro Ensemble Company. His plays have been produced at a variety of theaters in New York City, Westchester County, and Rockland County; a few were directed by Arnold Beauchamp. In 2008, he co-founded the Mount Vernon Theater Company in New York, now known as Phoenix Arts, for which he is the Executive Producer. Additionally, Batson has published fiction and poetry, and he was a news reporter and editor. He currently teaches writing at Touro College, and he is a public relations consultant with Batson Communications. The Gary Batson collection consists principally of eight playscripts of his produced plays, written between 2004 and 2011. All except "A Fact of Matta" were produced. Announcements and news clippings discuss the plays productions. Also included are "Flawless: A Collection of Love Poems" (2007) and Batson's curriculum vitae.

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Frank Silvera Writers Workshop records, Sc MG 64

Negro Ensemble Company records, Sc MG 345

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American dramatists
African American educators
African American poets
Authors, Black
Theater -- Study and teaching

Occupations

Playwrights

Names

Batson, Gary, 1956-
Frank Silvera Writers Workshop
Negro Ensemble Company

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Curriculum vitae 2012
Playscripts
Arranged alphabetically by title.
- b. 1 f. 2 *Brunch* 2007
- b. 1 f. 3 *Codes* 2008
- b. 1 f. 4 "A Fact of Matta" with Donna Marie Wright; composed by Akbar Ali 1979
- b. 1 f. 5 *Fire* 1987-1989
- b. 1 f. 6 *Ill Winds* 2011
- b. 1 f. 7 *Point of View* 2004
- b. 1 f. 8 *The Olive Branch* 2009
- b. 1 f. 9 *Scroogina* 2009
Based on an original concept by Ben Black from the Charles Dickens's play, *A Christmas Carol*.
- b. 1 f. 10 "Flawless: A Collection of Love Poems" 2007
- b. 1 f. 11 Printed material 1984-2011
Includes announcements and news clippings.