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Guide to the

Theater for the New City ephemera

1971-1999

8-MWEZ + 30,505

Summary

Creator: Theater for the New City (New York, N.Y.)

Title: Theater for the New City ephemera

Date: 1971-1999

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: papers:

Abstract: The Theater for the New City is an Off-Off Broadway troupe best known for experimental theater projects and outdoor spectacles. Founded in 1970 by Crystal Field, George Bartenieff, Theo Barnes and Lawrence Kornfeld, the Theater for the New City was based in Manhattan's West Village in its early years. Rising real estate costs forced a move to the East Village in the late 1970s, by which time the group was led by co-artistic directors Field and Bartenieff. In addition to hosting street happenings and an annual Village Halloween Costume Ball, the troupe has presented the work of such playwrights as Sam Shepard, Charles Ludlam, Maria Irene Fornes, and Richard Foreman. The Theater for the New City ephemera consists of clippings, programs, fliers, photographs and related documents pertaining to the activities of the Theater for the New City troupe. The clippings include reviews of TNC shows as well as a number of feature stories concerning the group's real estate difficulties.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings

Fliers

Photographs

Programs

Subjects

Experimental theater -- New York (State) -- New York

Theater -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

Bartenieff, George

Field, Crystal, 1942-

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