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Guide to the

Production designs for Fool's Fire

1992

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Summary

Creator: Mercier, G. W.

Title: Production designs for Fool's Fire

Date: 1992

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: Design drawings by G. W. Mercier in black and white watercolor for the film Fool's Fire, adapted and directed by Julie Taymor from the Edgar Allan Poe story, Hop-Frog. Taymor's first film, Fool's Fire, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, won best drama award at the Tokyo International Electronic Cinema Festival and was broadcast in March 1992 on the PBS television series, American Playhouse. Taymor designed the puppets, masks and costumes for the production which used live actors behind the masks with the exception of the two dwarfs who were unmasked. Also contains a color photo of Mercier, the production designer for Fool's Fire, with a set.

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Creator History

G.W. Mercier: costume, set and production designer.

Julie Taymor: theater, film and opera director, set and costume designer, mask and puppet creator.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Design drawings

Subjects

Dwarfs in motion pictures

Motion pictures -- Art direction

Television -- Art direction

Names

Mercier, G. W.

Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849

Taymor, Julie, 1952-