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Guide to the

**Papers relating to a manuscript copy of Richard Wagner's Entwurf zur
Organisation eines deutschen Nationaltheaters für das Königreich
Sachsen**

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Summary

Creator: Wagner, Richard, 1813-1883.

Title: Papers relating to a manuscript copy of Richard Wagner's Entwurf zur Organisation eines deutschen Nationaltheaters für das Königreich Sachsen

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Abstract: In an ALS, 1895 Feb. 28, from Otto Richter, Dresden, to Mary Banks Burrell, London, Dr. Richter copies Wagner's retort from the manuscript. Richter encloses a copy he has made of a letter from Wagner to theater authorities answering criticism of his scheme. 2 documents in the hand of Mrs. Burrell include portions of the manuscript which were omitted from the publication and a penciled notation at the end of the manuscript written by Kammermusicus Julius Rühlmann. The manuscript itself is not included in this collection.

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Language of the Material: In German

Creator History

In 1848-1849, German composer Richard Wagner outlined a plan for the organization of a German national theater for the Kingdom of Saxony. A manuscript copy of his plan was read and considered, penciled remarks were added, and a penciled retort to these remarks added by Wagner himself. The

manuscript was published in the *Gesammelte Schriften* in 1871, but without these remarks and with other omissions.

Custodial History

Formerly owned by Mary Banks Burrell. Cf. *Catalogue of the Burrell collection of Wagner documents, letters and other biographical material*. London : Nonpareil Press, 1929. Item 169.

Scope and Content Note

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