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Benedikt F. Dolbin drawings

1917-1964

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Summary

Creator: Dolbin, Benedikt F.

Title: Benedikt F. Dolbin drawings

Date: 1917-1964

Size: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

Abstract: Benedikt Fred Dolbin (1883-1971) was a graphic artist from Vienna, Austria who emigrated to New York City during the Nazi era of the 1930s. While in Austria, he had studied music composition with Arnold Schoenberg. He specialized in caricatures of artistic figures. He died in Jackson Heights, New York. The collection contains 181 sketches and prints created by Benedikt Fred Dolbin of various dancers, actors, musicians, composers, choreographers, playwrights, and authors. The majority of the items are pencil sketches. Included are series of sketches documenting particular performances, such as that of Jerome Robbins' *The Cage*, Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, *Murder in the Cathedral*, and *On Borrowed Time*.

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Arrangement: Original order was maintained

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Drawings (visual works)

Names

Balanchine, George, 1904-1983

Bernstein, Leonard

Dolbin, Benedikt F.

Jooss, Kurt, 1901-1979

Robbins, Jerome

Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Jerome Robbins undated
- b. 1 f. 2 Elisabeth Waters, Hanya Holm Group undated
- b. 1 f. 3 Hanya Holm undated
- b. 1 f. 4 Igor Stravinsky and George Balanchine undated
- b. 1 f. 5-6 Rolf Alexander in The Prodigal Son [c.1941-1942]
- b. 1 f. 7 Nicholas Magallanes undated
- b. 1 f. 8-10 Maria Tallchief undated
- b. 1 f. 11 Nora Kaye with Yvonne Mounsey in The Cage [1952]
- b. 1 f. 12 Nora Kaye with Michael Maule in The Cage [1952]
- b. 1 f. 13 Nora Kaye in The Cage [1952]
- b. 1 f. 14 Nora Kaye with Nicholas Magallanes in The Cage [1952]
- b. 1 f. 15 Nicholas Magallanes and Beatrice Tompkins in Orpheus [1948]
- b. 1 f. 16 Martha Graham undated
- b. 1 f. 17 Jerome Robbins and Janet Reed undated
- b. 1 f. 18 Rosella Hightower undated
- b. 1 f. 19 Yvonne Momsey in The Cage [1952]
- b. 1 f. 20 Diane Adams in Lady of Comedies undated
- b. 1 f. 21 Uday Shankar undated
- b. 1 f. 22 George Balanchine undated
- b. 1 f. 23 Edward Albee undated
- b. 1 f. 24 Maxwell Anderson undated
- b. 1 f. 25 Truman Capote undated
- b. 1 f. 26 Noel Coward undated
- b. 1 f. 27 Lilian Hellman 1964
- b. 1 f. 28 Alfred Hitchcock undated
- b. 1 f. 29 John Steinbeck undated
- b. 1 f. 30 Tennessee Williams 1917
- b. 1 f. 31 Elmer Rice undated
- b. 1 f. 32 Richard Rodgers undated
- b. 1 f. 33 Dore Schary 1959
- b. 1 f. 34 Lee Shubert undated
- b. 1 f. 35 Deems Taylor undated
- b. 1 f. 36 Mike Todd 1917
- b. 1 f. 37-38 Renata Tebaldi in Tosca [1955]
- b. 1 f. 39-40 George London in Tosca [1955]
- b. 1 f. 41-43 Unidentified singers in Tosca [1955]
- b. 1 f. 44 Cornell McNeil in Tosca [1955]
- b. 1 f. 45 Three Penny Opera 1954
Reproduction
- b. 1 f. 46 Unidentified singer undated

- b. 1 f. 47 Marian Anderson as Ulrica in *Un Ballo in Maschera* [1955]
- b. 1 f. 48 Maria Callas undated
- b. 1 f. 49 Hilde Gueden and Blanche Thebom in *The Rake's Progress* [1953]
- b. 1 f. 50 Herbert Gray undated
- b. 1 f. 51 Blanche Thebom and Eleanor Steber undated
- b. 1 f. 52 Ferruccio Busoni, unidentified work undated
- b. 1 f. 53 Ferruccio Busoni's *Arlecchino* undated
- b. 1 f. 54 Kirsten Flagstad in *Alceste* [1952]
- b. 1 f. 55 Mildred Miller undated
- b. 1 f. 56 Leonard Warren and Richard Tucker in *La Forza del Destino* [1952]
- b. 1 f. 57 Maria Callas in *Norma* [1956]
- b. 1 f. 58 Richard Tucker undated
- b. 1 f. 59 Eleanor Steben and Richard Tucker undated
- b. 1 f. 60 Unidentified singer in *Salome* undated
- b. 1 f. 61-62 Blanche Thebom and Brian Sullivan in *Boris Godunov* 1953
- b. 1 f. 63 George London, Andrew McKinley in *Boris Godunov* 1953
- b. 1 f. 64 Blanche Thebom and Sigurd Björling in *Boris Godunov* 1953
- b. 1 f. 65-66 George London undated
- b. 1 f. 67 Paul Franke and George London undated
- b. 1 f. 68-69 George London and Paula Lenchner undated
- b. 1 f. 70 Paula Lenchner undated
- b. 1 f. 71-72 Thelma Altman and Lawrence Davidson in *Public Opinion from Peter Grimes* [1948]
- b. 1 f. 73 Jon Crain undated
- b. 1 f. 74 Unidentified singer in *Der Rosenkavalier* undated
- b. 1 f. 75 Zinka Milanov as Amelia in *Un Ballo in Maschera* undated
- b. 1 f. 76 Hans Hotter as Jochanaan in *Salome* [1952]
- b. 1 f. 77 Sylvia Stahlman in *Euridice* [1956]
- b. 1 f. 78-79 Leonard Warren and Mary Curtis-Verna in *Simon Boccanegra* 1960
- b. 1 f. 80 Frank Guarrera and Blanche Thebom in *Così fan tutte* [1952]
- b. 1 f. 81 Hilde Zadek and Giacinto Prandelli in *Don Giovanni* [1952]
- b. 1 f. 82 Norman Kelley undated
- b. 2 f. 1-2 Ingrid Bergman as Julie in Ferenc Molnár's *Liliom* [1940]
- b. 2 f. 3 Ann Mason as Mrs. Muskat in Ferenc Molnár's *Liliom* [1940]
- b. 2 f. 4-6 Burgess Meredith as *Liliom* in Ferenc Molnár's *Liliom* [1940]
- b. 2 f. 7 Unidentified couple 1938
- b. 2 f. 8 Maurice Evans in *Hamlet* 1938
- b. 2 f. 9 George Graham as Polonius in *Hamlet* 1938
- b. 2 f. 10 Maurice Evans in *Hamlet* 1938
- b. 2 f. 11 Henry Edward in *Hamlet* 1938
- b. 2 f. 12 Frank Conroy as Mr. Brink in *On Borrowed Time* [1938]
- b. 2 f. 13 Unidentified male, seated [1938]

- b. 2 f. 14 Dudley Digges in On Borrowed Time [1938]
- b. 2 f. 15 Unidentified man carrying deceased woman in On Borrowed Time [1938]
- b. 2 f. 16-17 Unidentified actor in On Borrowed Time [1938]
- b. 2 f. 18-19 Dudley Digges and unidentified actor in On Borrowed Time [1938]
- b. 2 f. 20-23 Charles Laughton as Galileo in Galileo [1947]
 - b. 2 f. 24 Joan McCracken as Virginia in Galileo [1947]
 - b. 2 f. 25 Joan McCracken and John Carradine in Galileo [1947]
- b. 2 f. 26-27 Harry Irvine as Thomas Becket in Murder in the Cathedral [1936]
 - b. 2 f. 28 Unidentified actor in Murder in the Cathedral [1936]
 - b. 2 f. 29 Unidentified actors in Murder in the Cathedral [1936]
 - b. 2 f. 30 Unidentified actor in Murder in the Cathedral [1936]
 - b. 2 f. 31 Eva Le Gallienne in Uncle Harry [c. 1932-1933]
 - b. 2 f. 32 Eva Le Gallienne and Joseph Schildkraut in Uncle Harry [c. 1932-1933]
 - b. 2 f. 33 Joseph Schildkraut in Uncle Harry [c. 1932-1933]
 - b. 2 f. 34 Unidentified actors undated
 - b. 2 f. 35 Porgy and Bess group scene 1936
 - b. 2 f. 36 Unidentified actor in Sporting Life undated
- b. 2 f. 37-52 Porgy and Bess, unidentified singers 1936
 - b. 2 f. 53 Marian Anderson undated
 - b. 2 f. 54 Sir John Barbirolli undated
 - b. 2 f. 55 Thomas Beecham undated
 - b. 2 f. 56 Bela Bartok undated
 - b. 2 f. 57 Leonard Bernstein undated
 - b. 2 f. 58 Leonard Bernstein, Robert Casadesus undated
 - b. 2 f. 59 Rudolf Bing undated
 - b. 2 f. 60 Marc Blitzstein undated
 - b. 2 f. 61 Benjamin Britten undated
 - b. 2 f. 62 John Cage undated
 - b. 2 f. 63 Maria Callas undated
 - b. 2 f. 64 Pablo Casals undated
 - b. 2 f. 65 Aaron Copland undated
 - b. 2 f. 66 Max Elman undated
 - b. 2 f. 67 Arthur Fiedler undated
 - b. 2 f. 68 Michael Flanders undated
 - b. 2 f. 69 Jascha Heifetz undated
 - b. 2 f. 70 Myra Hess undated
 - b. 2 f. 71 Paul Hindemith undated
 - b. 2 f. 72 Mahalia Jackson undated
 - b. 2 f. 73 Sergei Koussevitsky undated
 - b. 2 f. 75 Eric Leinsdorf undated
 - b. 2 f. 76 Eugene List undated

- b. 2 f. 77 Gian Carlo Menotti undated
- b. 2 f. 78 Yehudi Menuhin undated
- b. 2 f. 79 Darius Milhaud undated
- b. 2 f. 80 Dimitri Mitropoulos undated
- b. 2 f. 81 Charles Munch undated
- b. 2 f. 82 Eugene Ormandy undated
- b. 2 f. 83 Jan Peerce undated
- b. 2 f. 84 Fritz Reiner undated
- b. 2 f. 85 Arthur Rubinstein undated
- b. 2 f. 86 Thomas Schippers undated
- b. 2 f. 87 Roger Sessions undated
- b. 2 f. 88 Rudolf Serkin undated
- b. 2 f. 89 Alex Smallens, Oscar Levant undated
- b. 2 f. 90 Fritz Stiedry undated
- b. 2 f. 91 Leopold Stokowski undated
- b. 2 f. 92 Igor Stravinsky undated
- b. 2 f. 93 Joan Sutherland undated
- b. 2 f. 94 George Szell undated
- b. 2 f. 95 Virgil Thomson undated
- b. 2 f. 96 Arturo Toscanini undated
- b. 2 f. 97 Jennie Tourel undated
- b. 2 f. 98 Heitor Villa-Lobos undated
- b. 2 f. 99 Bruno Walter undated