



The New York Public Library  
Music Division

Guide to the

**Malena Kuss files on Carleton Sprague Smith**

1981-2007

JPB 13-33

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## Summary

**Creator:** Kuss, Malena

**Title:** Malena Kuss files on Carleton Sprague Smith

**Date:** 1981-2007

**Size:** .42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Malena Kuss in 2007.

**Abstract:** The Malena Kuss files on Carleton Sprague Smith date from 1981 to 2007. They mainly document the creation of *Libraries, History, Diplomacy, and the Performing Arts: Essays in Honor of Carleton Sprague Smith* (1991), for which Kuss served as an associate editor.

**Access:** Some collections held by the Dance, Music, Recorded Sound, and Theatre Divisions at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts are held off-site and must be requested in advance. Please check the collection records in **the NYPL's online catalog** for detailed location information. For general guidance about requesting offsite materials, please consult:  
<https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials>

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## Creator History

Malena Kuss (1940- ) is an internationally recognized musicologist specializing in Latin American music. She was an associate editor of *Libraries, History, Diplomacy, and the Performing Arts: Essays in Honor of Carleton Sprague Smith* (1991), on which she worked from 1984 to 1988. Kuss was a friend of Carleton Sprague Smith from 1961 until his death in 1994. She is Professor Emerita of musicology at

the University of North Texas, Denton.

## **Custodial History**

The collection was created and maintained by Malena Kuss until she donated it to the library.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Malena Kuss files on Carleton Sprague Smith date from 1981 to 2007 (most date from 1981 to 1987). They mainly document the creation of *Libraries, History, Diplomacy, and the Performing Arts: Essays in Honor of Carleton Sprague Smith* (1991), for which Kuss served as an associate editor from 1984 to 1988. The book is often referred to in the collection as "the Festschrift." The files hold correspondence with Smith, as well as with other editors and contributors to the book, including Richard J. Wolfe, Israel Katz, Luís Heitor Correia de Azevedo, D. W. Krummel, Sydney Beck, Angier Biddle Duke, Genevieve Oswald, Ruth Watanabe, Alec Hyatt King, Josef Braunstein, and Howard Boatwright. Letters from contributors hold drafts of their contributions to the book.

The files also contain correspondence from Smith regarding the early history of the Music Library Association; a file of biographical notes on Smith, including a photograph of him; notes on the eightieth birthday celebration for Smith held at The New York Public Library; and copies of published articles by Smith, with annotations by Kuss. The first folder of the collection holds a letter from Kuss to George Boziwick, Chief of the Music Division. It includes a description of the collection and background information on Kuss's long friendship with Smith.

**Arrangement:** Original file order was maintained. Music Library Association files are arranged separately from the rest of the collection.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Business correspondence  
Notes  
Personal correspondence  
Speeches (documents)  
Typescripts

### **Subjects**

Diplomacy  
Music librarianship  
Performing arts libraries

### **Occupations**

Librarians  
Musicologists

### **Names**

Azevedo, Luiz Heitor Corre\_a de

Beck, Sydney  
Boatwright, Howard  
Braunstein, Josef  
Duke, Angier Biddle, 1915-1995  
Katz, Israel J.  
King, A. Hyatt (Alec Hyatt), 1911-1995  
Krummel, Donald William, 1929-  
Oswald, Genevieve  
Smith, Carleton Sprague, 1905-1994  
Watanabe, Ruth T. (Ruth Taiko)  
Wolfe, Richard J.  
Music Library Association

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 3-19 General 1981-1994
- b. 1 f. 1-2 Music Library Association 1984, 2007