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Playscripts collection

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Summary

Title: Playscripts collection

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Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Arranged first alphabetically by author's last name, then by title.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American dramatists
American drama -- African American authors
Dramatists, American -- 20th century

Occupations

Authors, Black
Playwrights

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Plays (performing arts compositions)

Names

Baldwin, James, 1924-1987
Baraka, Amiri, 1934-2014
Hansberry, Lorraine, 1930-1965
Mayfield, Julian, 1928-1984
Micheaux, Oscar, 1884-1951
Ward, Theodore, 1902-1983

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 *Alison, Hughes. The Trial of Dr. Beck*
Baldwin, James
- b. 1 f. 2 *The Amen Corner* ca. 1955
- b. 1 f. 3 *Blues for Mr. Charlie* ca. 1964
Baraka, Amiri
- b. 1 f. 4 *Black Mass* ca. 1965
- b. 1 f. 5-6 *Images of Struggle and Revolution (2 versions)*
- b. 1 f. 7 *The Sidnee Poet Heroical or, if in Danger of Suit, the Kid Poet Heroical* ca. 1975
- b. 1 f. 8 *Barnes, Forrest. Good-Bye Uncle Tom*
- b. 2 f. 1 *Blair, Jon and Norman Fenton. The Biko Inquest* 1978
Boretz, Alan
- b. 2 f. 2 *Follow the North Star* 1968
- b. 2 f. 3 *Immortal Journey: The Story of Sojourner Truth (television script)* 1964
- b. 2 f. 4 *Boyd, Lamar II. A Touch of Turkey and a Taste of Grace*
- b. 2 f. 5 *Brooks, David V. Blackpoemology: Men of Colour in Transitory Stages* 1998
- b. 2 f. 6 *Carlson, Raymond C. Don't Call Me Boy* 1963
- b. 2 f. 7 *Chinyelu, Mamadou. It Takes a Whole Village* 1966
- b. 2 f. 8 *Corcoran, Robert John. This Way to Me*
Craighead, Verna
- b. 2 f. 9 *Breakthrough* 1982
- b. 2 f. 10 *Redd* 1987
- b. 2 f. 11-12 *Cruse, Harold W. Headline Hetty (2 versions)* 1955-1960
- b. 2 f. 13 *Cullen, Countee. Byword for Evil*
- b. 2 f. 14 *Day, Gerry. My Name Is Jemal* 1968
- b. 2 f. 15 *Dodson, Owen. 'Til Victory Is Won (signed)* 1967
- b. 2 f. 16 *Dolph, Laphin Jack. Double Exposure or It's Nice Work if You Can Get It*
- b. 2 f. 17 *Douglass, Charles. De Obeah Mon* 1986
- b. 3 f. 1 *Duberman, Martin B. In White America*
Fanning, Nathaniel
- b. 3 f. 2 *Broken Bonds* 2000
- b. 3 f. 3 *Just Us and Just Us: Part II*
- b. 3 f. 4 *Prayers for Samuel* 2005
- b. 3 f. 5 *Try to Love Two* 2002
- b. 3 f. 6 *What Da Devil* 2000
- b. 3 f. 7 *Federal Theatre's Mendell script* ca. 1938
- b. 3 f. 8 *Feldshuh, David. Miss Evers' Boys* 1989
- b. 3 f. 9 *Franklin, Wendi Joy. A Song for You...The Civil Rights Journey of a Negro Woman: Lena Calhoun Horne* 1995
Revised 2002.

- b. 4 f. 1 *Gale, Lorena. Angelique*
Gilfond, Henry
- b. 4 f. 2 *Benjamin Banneker*
- b. 4 f. 3 *Cinque: He Chose Freedom*
- b. 4 f. 4 *Frederick Douglass*
- b. 4 f. 5 *Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People*
- b. 4 f. 6 *James Beckwourth*
- b. 4 f. 7 *Malcolm X*
- b. 4 f. 8 *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- b. 4 f. 9 *Nat Turner*
- b. 4 f. 10 *Robert Smalls*
- b. 4 f. 11 *Sojourner Truth*
- b. 4 f. 12 *Gilman. Drowning Creek revision 1995*
- b. 4 f. 13 *Goldberg, Mel. Stay 'Till Morning*
- b. 4 f. 14 *Goodwin, Ruby Berkley. Mutiny at Port Chicago*
- b. 4 f. 15 *Gribble, Harry W. Almost Faithful 1947*
- b. 4 f. 16 *Hansberry, Lorraine. Les Blancs, final text adapted by Robert Nemiroff 1970*
- b. 5 f. 1 *Harburg, E. Y. and Fred Saidy. Finian's Rainbow, revised 1987*
- b. 5 f. 2 *Hark, Mildred and Noel McQueen. George Washington Carver 1949*
- b. 5 f. 3 *Heyliger, Yvette. Homegirl 1995*
- b. 5 f. 4 *Hill, Errol. Dance Bongo (signed)*
- b. 5 f. 5 *Holmes, Gary. Trav'lin*
- b. 5 f. 6 *Hunter, Eddie and Earle Sweeting. The Lady*
- b. 5 f. 7 *Jackson, Arthur. Never Bogey a Par Three*
- b. 5 f. 8 *Johnson, Hall. Fi-yer*
Joseph, Jamal
- b. 5 f. 9 *A Choice of Values 1986*
- b. 5 f. 10 *Parole by Death 1986*
- b. 6 f. 1 *30 Days and a Wake Up 1987*
- b. 6 f. 2 *Kamara, David K. The Roman Disease or (Fly Black Bird Blues) 1988*
- b. 6 f. 3 *Mayfield, Julian. Fount of the Nation*
- b. 6 f. 4 *Micheaux, Oscar. The Case of Mrs. Wingate 1946*
- b. 6 f. 5 *Millen, James Knox. No Hidin' Place 1930*
Mitchell, Loftin
- b. 6 f. 6 *Antigone of the Island (signed)*
- b. 6 f. 7 *With Irving Burgie. Ballad for Bimshire (Barbados)*
- b. 6 f. 8 *Comeback (signed)*
- b. 7 f. 1 *The Coming of the Lord (signed)*
- b. 7 f. 2 *The Depression Years (signed) 1947*
- b. 7 f. 3 *The Gypsies and Me (signed)*
- b. 7 f. 4 *A Land Beyond the River (signed) 1957*

Mitchell, Lofton (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 5 *Memories of Bert Williams (signed)*
- b. 7 f. 6 *Peekskill (signed)* 1950
- b. 7 f. 7-9 *The Phonograph (3 versions, all signed)*
- b. 7 f. 10 *The Sacred Bus (signed)*
- b. 8 f. 1-2 *Star of the Morning (2 versions, both signed)* 1960
- b. 8 f. 3 Untitled, signed playscript
- b. 8 f. 4 *Morroco, Richard. TNT (Tricephalous Neurosyllogistic Training)* 1980
- b. 8 f. 5 *Neal, Larry. The Glorious Monster in the Bell of the Horn* 1976
- b. 8 f. 6 *Newton, E. C. Darktown Silhouettes* 1930-1931
- b. 8 f. 7 *Norford, George. Head of the Family*
- b. 8 f. 8-10 *Owens, Major R. Thomas and Sally*
Peterson, Louis
 - b. 9 f. 1 *Crazy Horse* 1977
 - b. 9 f. 2 *Take a Giant Step* 1952
 - b. 9 f. 3 *Rattner, Bonnie Lee Moss. To Gleam It Around, to Show My Shine* 1983
 - b. 10 f. 4 *Rohlehr, Lloyd. We Are Free!* 1988
 - b. 10 f. 5 *Sawyer, Robert Earl. A Race with the Wind*
Robinson, S. Garrett
 - b. 10 f. 1 *Hamhocks* 1981
 - b. 10 f. 2 *The Land of Lem* 1969
 - b. 10 f. 3 *Whiteshop* 1967
 - b. 10 f. 6 *Sherman, Susan. Shango de Ima* 1969
 - b. 10 f. 7 *Sherriff, R. C. Miss Mabel*
 - b. 10 f. 8 *Soyinka, Wole. Death and the Kings' Horsemen*
 - b. 10 f. 9 *Thompson, Eloise Bibb. Africanus*
 - b. 10 f. 10 Untitled play (unknown author)
Wadud, Ali
 - b. 10 f. 11 *In My Brother's House* 1990
 - b. 11 f. 1 *Kingdom* 1976
 - b. 11 f. 2 *The Old Man and the Room (revision)* 1986
 - b. 11 f. 3 *Reverend Des* 1981
- Ward, Theodore
 - b. 11 f. 4 *Big Money* 1961
 - b. 11 f. 5 *Black Wizard of the Keyboard*
 - b. 11 f. 6-7 *Charity (2 versions)* 1960
 - b. 11 f. 8 *Of Human Grandeur* 1949-1964
 - b. 11 f. 9 *Our Lan* 1941
 - b. 11 f. 10-11 *Throwback (2 versions)* 1951
- b. 11 f. 12 *Watkins, Maurine. Marshland*
Weston, Mark
 - b. 12 f. 1 *Crispus* 1987

Weston, Mark (cont.)

- b. 12 f. 2 *50 Minute Beckwourth* 1974
- b. 12 f. 3 *Jim Beckwourth* 1974
- b. 12 f. 4 *Jim Beckwourth and the Golden State* 1974
- b. 12 f. 5 *More JB* 1974
- b. 12 f. 6-7 *The Traitorous Saint! (2 versions)* 2008-2009
- b. 12 f. 8 *Whiteley, Jerry and John Voorhees. Leah (incomplete)*

Willis, Moxley Waldo

- b. 12 f. 9 *Just Another Man* 1940
- b. 12 f. 10 *Ludicrous Africanus* 1941
- b. 12 f. 11 *Yordan, Philip. Anna Lucasta* ca. 1944
- b. 12 f. 12 *Jubilee: A Cavalcade of the Negro Theater*