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Abstract:  The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) is the largest union representing the back-stage workers of the entertainment industry. The union was created in 1886.

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Creator History

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) is the largest union representing the back-stage workers of the entertainment industry. The union was created in 1886. Jene Youtt was a member of the union’s history committee and helped research the union’s history for the centennial celebration.
Scope and Content Note
The collection contains catalogs; newsletters; trade magazines; photocopies of documents describing the history of the union, including constitution and by-laws; and proceedings of the conventions. Also included are manuals, handbooks, stage screws and wrenches, and information about the union’s benefit funds. Three different newsletters describe what happens at local union meetings and throughout the international union.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Key Terms

Subjects
Collective bargaining
Labor unions

Occupations
Stagehands
Stagehands -- Labor unions

Names
International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees
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b. 1 f. 6  Berkey Coloran Catalog 1986-1994

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b. 2 f. 2-7  Centennial Celebration 1985-1986

b. 2 f. 8  Central Labor Union 1886, 1986 (photocopies)

b. 2 f. 9  Century Lighting 1966

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Old style blue stage screw (manufacturer unknown). Century wrench made for use on Century Lighting’s Lekos (Made by BASH electric). Modern style stage screw (manufacturer unknown). Old style stage screw (manufacturer unknown)

b. 3 f. 7-8  General Electric Lamp Catalogs 1987

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b. 3 f. 12  Knights of Labor undated (photocopies)

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b. 3 f. 14  Lighting Seminar Reference Pamphlet of Basic Lighting Information 1987

b. 3 f. 15  Local 390--History undated

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b. 10 f. 1  The Technique of Television Production 1972

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Newsletter

Monthly newsletter of Stage Employees Local One (New York City)

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b. 4 f. 3-7  2001-2006

b. 5 f. 1  2007-2008

b. 5 f. 2-6  Operating Manuals 1966, 1981-2003

Official Bulletin

Monthly newsletter of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (International newsletter)

b. 5 f. 7  1982-1985
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b. 5 f. 8 1996-1998
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b. 6 f. 10 Snowden, George--IATSE: A Report 1954
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Theatrical Mechanical Association
b. 7 f. 1 Constitution and Member List 1908, 1925 (photocopies)
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