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Guide to the

Dolores Sutton papers

1945-1996 and undated

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Summary

Creator: Sutton, Dolores

Title: Dolores Sutton papers

Date: 1945-1996 and undated

Size: 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Purchased from Dolores Sutton in April 2008.

Abstract: Collection of mostly scripts, also photos and other papers, reflects the work of Dolores Sutton as both an actor and playwright.

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Creator History

American actress on stage, screen and television, Dolores Sutton was born in New York City in 1927 and was a philosophy major at New York University before co-authoring a script for NBC-TV and winning the lead. She had an active career as a performer, primarily on the stage and on television, and was also an occasional playwright.

Scope and Content Note

Collection is mostly scripts reflecting the work of Dolores Sutton as both an actor and playwright. It also includes photos and clippings and a small amount of correspondence, contracts and programs.

Arrangement: Series I. Production materials Series II. Photographs Series III. Miscellaneous material

Key Terms

Subjects

Actors

Dramatists

Names

Sutton, Dolores

Container List

Series I. Production materials 1949-1993, n.d (2 boxes)

Mostly scripts; also clippings, photos, programs, correspondence and contracts. Includes Sutton's work as a playwright as well as an actor. She often starred in the pieces she wrote. Arranged chronologically

- B. 1 F. 1 *Script for Radio City Playhouse Episode #65, Sibling by Dolores Sutton and Richard Seff* 1949 Dec. 11
Marked typescript. Episode was written and performed by Dolores Sutton and Richard Seff.
- B. 1 F. 2 *Script for Kate Smith Evening Hour, A Lovely Night for a Birthday by Meade Roberts* 1951 Sept. 26
Inscribed to Dolores from Bobby.
- B. 1 F. 3 *Script for Career* 1957
Typescript with some handwritten revisions in Act 1 of a 3 Act play. Also contract, cast list and some notes.
- B. 1 F. 4 *Promptbook for Machinal by Sophie Treadwell* 1960
Dolores Sutton received a Vernon Rice citation for most promising new performer for her work in this production.
- B. 1 F. 5 *Script for General Seeger by Ira Levin* 1962
Mostly clean typescript. Sutton played opposite George C. Scott in this short-lived Broadway production.
- B. 1 F. 6 *Preface to Ibsen's Hedda Gabler by Eva Le Gallienne* 1964
Typescript. Also includes letter by Le Gallienne to Miss Sutton, 1964.
- B. 1 F. 7 *Photos and clippings from Liliom by Ferenc Molnar* 1965
Dolores Sutton starred with Farley Granger at the National Repertory Theatre in production directed by Eva Le Gallienne who chose Sutton to play Julie, the role she had created. Also includes a telegram to Sutton.
- B. 1 F. 8 *Photos and clippings from She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith* 1965
Dolores Sutton starred with Farley Granger in a National Repertory Theatre production.
- B. 1 F. 9 *Screenplay for Mother Superior* 1965 June 10
Typescript signed by Ida Lupino is called final revised draft and has a few markings. Movie premiered in 1968 as *Where Angels Go... Trouble Follows* with Dolores Sutton as Sister Rose Marie. Also a clipping.
- B. 1 F. 10 *Program and clippings on The Eccentricities of a Nightingale by Tennessee Williams* 1967
A re-written version of *Summer and Smoke* starring Dolores Sutton at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.
- B. 1 F. 11 *Script for The Web and the Rock by Dolores Sutton adapted from the novel by Thomas Wolfe* 1970
For Cheryl Crawford productions, called working script.
- B. 1 F. 12 *Script for The Web and the Rock by Dolores Sutton adapted from the novel by Thomas Wolfe* 1970
For Cheryl Crawford productions, typescript with some handwritten revisions.
- B. 1 F. 13 *Correspondence, contracts, program and clippings for The Web and the Rock by Dolores Sutton adapted from the novel by Thomas Wolfe* 1971-1974
Dolores Sutton also starred in the Cheryl Crawford production.

Series I. Production materials (cont.)

- B. 2 F. 1 *Cast list, photos, publicity and clippings for The Little Foxes by Lillian Hellman* 1974
Dolores Sutton played Birdie.
- B. 2 F. 2 *Screenplay for Crossing Delancey by Susan Sandler* 1987
Inscribed to Dolores Sutton who played Aunt Miriam.
- B. 2 F. 3 *Script for Down at the Old Bull and Bush by Dolores Sutton and Roderick Cook* 1989 Mar.
Typescript with a few revisions and a program.
- B. 2 F. 4 *Script for What's Wrong with this Picture? by Donald Margulies* 1990 Apr.-May
Marked script and publicity.
- B. 2 F. 5 *Screenplay for L.A. Short Cuts by Robert Altman and Frank Barhydt* 1990
Sept. 4
Called Third Draft and inscribed to Dolores Sutton by Annie Ross.
- B. 2 F. 6 *Program and clippings on The Cocktail Hour by A. R. Gurney, Jr.* 1992
Dolores Sutton starred in this Missouri Repertory Theatre production.
- B. 2 F. 7 *Script for A Drop in the Bucket by Edward Belling* 1993
Marked for the part of Bea.
- B. 2 F. 8 *Script for My Prince My King by Victor Wolfson* n.d.
Clean typescript.
- B. 2 F. 9 *Script for Spring Storm by Tennessee Williams* n.d.
Marked script.

Series II. Photographs 1953-1996, n.d (4 folders)

Mostly undated, the photos span Sutton's career. Also includes a photo of Eve Le Gallienne inscribed by her to Sutton.

- B. 3 F. 1 Head shots of Dolores Sutton n.d.
- B. 3 F. 2 *Photos of Dolores Sutton in Anna Karenina, Hedda Gabler with Signe Hasso and Born Yesterday* 1996, n.d
- B. 3 F. 3 Photos of Dolores Sutton from unidentified productions n.d.
- B. 3 F. 4 Photo of Eva Le Gallienne 1953 Oct. 2
Inscribed to Dolores Sutton.

Series III. Miscellaneous 1945-1966, n.d (4 folders)

Mostly undated, the material consists of a card to Sutton, a photocopied newspaper photo that includes her, a theater poster for *Anna Karenina* in which she starred, and a souvenir program inscribed to her by Molly Picon.

- B. 3 F. 5 Card from James Kirkwood, Jr. to Dolores Sutton n.d.
Kirkwood and Sutton played siblings on the TV soap opera, *Valiant Lady* in the mid 1950s.
- B. 3 F. 6 *Newspaper photo of Dolores Sutton during rehearsals for The Glass Menagerie* n.d.
At the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- B. 3 F. 7 Souvenir program honoring Molly Picon and Jacob Kalich 1945
In English and Yiddish. Signed "To our darling Dolores."

- f. Oversize folder
1 *Poster for Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy* 1966
Starring Dolores Sutton at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.