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Guide to the

**Henry Forbes papers**

1917-1952

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## Summary

**Creator:** Forbes, Henry B., -1958

**Title:** Henry Forbes papers

**Date:** 1917-1952

**Size:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes, 1 volume, 2 oversized folders)

**Source:** Donated by Ed Brodtkin, 1996.

**Abstract:** Henry B. Forbes (d. 1958) was a theatrical producer active on Broadway in the 1920s and 1930s. He also worked as an actor in the 1910s and early 1920s, performing with the East-West Players. The Henry B. Forbes papers (1917-1952) contain programs, clippings, contracts, business correspondence, and other papers regarding his theatrical work. Productions represented in the collection include *Tin Pan Alley* (1928), *Schoolgirl* (1930), *Thunder on the Left* (1933), *The Wild Duck* (1938), and *Walk Into My Parlor* (1940). The collection includes posters for the tryouts of *Wild Birds* (1929) and *Schoolgirl*, a scrapbook dedicated to *Thunder on the Left*, and a production photograph from *Tin Pan Alley*.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings (information artifacts)

Contracts

Programs (documents)

Scrapbooks

### **Subjects**

Theater -- Production and direction

### **Occupations**

Theatrical producers and directors

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-11 1917-1952
- b. 2 f. 1-4 1928-1952
  - Includes *Tin Pan Alley* photograph.
  - v. 1 *Thunder on the Left Scrapbook* 1933, 1936
  - o. 1 *Schoolgirl Posters* 1930
  - o. 2 *Wild Birds Poster* 1929