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Guide to the

Director's notes and script for A streetcar named Desire

1947

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Summary

Creator: Kazan, Elia

Title: Director's notes and script for A streetcar named Desire

Date: 1947

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: Typescript notes of the director Elia Kazan are from rehearsals and performances of the pre-Broadway tryout in New Haven of A Streetcar Named Desire starring Jessica Tandy and Marlon Brando. Includes script called "Revised Version for Rehearsals, October 6, 1947" with some staging directions in pencil, a program from the Broadway production dated December 8, 1947, and one folder of notes on Tandy's performance by her husband Hume Cronyn. Notes were taken by Mary Boehlert Katz, assistant to Kazan.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Theater -- Production and direction

Names

Brando, Marlon

Cronyn, Hume

Katz, Mary Boehlert

Tandy, Jessica

Williams, Tennessee, 1911-1983. Streetcar named Desire