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Guide to the

**Signature Theatre Company ephemera**

1991-2001

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## Summary

**Creator:** Signature Theatre Company (New York, N.Y.)

**Title:** Signature Theatre Company ephemera

**Date:** 1991-2001

**Size:** .25 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** papers:

**Abstract:** New York's Signature Theatre Company devotes each season to the works of one contemporary playwright, who is directly involved in the productions throughout the season as playwright-in-residence. Founded in January 1991 by artistic director James Houghton, the company was originally located in the East Village for several years before finding a permanent home on West 42nd Street. The company invites each of its chosen playwrights to be involved in all creative decisions: the selection of plays, directors, designers, actors, etc. Playwrights chosen to present a season's worth of work by the Signature Theatre Company include Romulus Linney, Lee Blessing, Edward Albee, Horton Foote, Adrienne Kennedy, Sam Shepard, Arthur Miller, John Guare, Maria Irene Fornes, Lanford Wilson, Bill Irwin, Paula Vogel, and August Wilson. The Signature Theatre Company ephemera consists of clippings, fliers, photocopies, programs, press releases, photographs and other documents pertaining to the company.

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### **Key Terms**

#### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings  
Fliers (printed matter)  
Photographs  
Programs

#### **Subjects**

Dramatists, American  
Theater -- New York (State) -- New York

#### **Names**

Houghton, James  
Signature Theatre Company (New York, N.Y.)