



The New York Public Library Music Division

Guide to the

George Platt Lynes photographs

ca. 1939-1950, undated 1939

JPB 00-41

Summary

Creator: The collection was donated by Donald Windham in September 1996.

Title: George Platt Lynes photographs

Date: ca. 1939-1950, undated 1939

Size: 14 photographic prints, silver gelatin b&w, 26 x 20 cm. or smaller; 14 photographic prints, silver gelatin b&w, 26 x 20 cm. or smaller

Abstract: George Platt Lynes was a commercial and fine art photographer active in the United States primarily during the 1930s-1940s. The collection includes 14 silver gelatin prints taken by Lynes of classical musicians.

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Language of the Material: English

Creator History

George Platt Lynes was a commercial and fine art photographer active primarily between the 1930s-1940s. His formative years were spent in Paris and New York City; he opened his first photography studio in the latter city in 1932. He is best known for his photographs of dancers and gay men, though he also photographed a number of significant writers, actors, and musicians.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of 14 silver gelatin portraits taken by George Platt Lynes between approximately 1939 and 1950 of various classical musicians. Musicians photographed include Webster Aitken, Aaron Copland, Lotte Lehmann, Thomas Schippers, Gian Carlo Menotti, Arnold Schoenberg, and Igor

Stravinsky.

Arrangement: Collection is arranged alphabetically by subject name.

Key Terms

Subjects

Musicians -- United States -- Photographs

Portrait photographs -- 1940-1969

Names

Lehmann, Lotte

Lynes, George Platt, 1907-1955

Schoenberg, Arnold, 1874-1951

Stravinsky, Igor, 1882-1971

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Aitken, Webster [c. 1940]
- b. 1 f. 2 Copland, Aaron [1939]
- b. 1 f. 3-8 Lehmann, Lotte [1947, undated]
- b. 1 f. 9 Schippers, Thomas [c. 1950]
- b. 1 f. 10 Menotti, Gian Carlo
- b. 1 f. 11-12 Schoenberg, Arnold [1947]
- b. 1 f. 13-14 Stravinsky, Igor [1947]