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Guide to the

Clarke Taylor papers

1970-1988

*T-Mss 1990-020

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Summary

Creator: Taylor, Clarke

Title: Clarke Taylor papers

Date: 1970-1988

Size: 1.3 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Donated by Lynn Lane, 1990

Abstract: Clarke Taylor was a journalist who reported on the performing arts. The Clarke Taylor papers, dating from 1970 to 1988, document the journalist's work through clippings, letters, and annotated drafts of articles.

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Related Materials:

Clarke Taylor performing arts interviews, *L (Special) 91-12. Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound.

Creator History

Clarke Taylor was a journalist who reported on the performing arts. In the 1970s and 1980s, his analyses, criticism, and interviews were published in such venues as The Los Angeles Times, The Village Voice, Newsday, The New York Post, Essence, The Baltimore Sun, and other magazines and regional newspapers in the United States.

Scope and Content Note

The Clarke Taylor papers, dating from 1970 to 1988, document the journalist's work through clippings, letters, and annotated drafts of articles.

The clippings, dating from 1970 to 1988, comprise the bulk of the collection. They consist of profiles of performing artists and criticism of film, theater, dance, music, and television. Earlier articles are from multiple publications, but from 1982 forward, nearly all are from The Los Angeles Times. Some clippings are accompanied by letters of thanks or acknowledgment from the article subjects.

The letters (1982-1987) consist of positive or negative reactions to Taylor's work, and also hold a photograph of unidentified persons. Writers include Burton Lane and Jessica Savitch. The article drafts date from 1982 to 1986 and primarily document two articles Taylor wrote about representations of homosexual characters in films.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by format.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)

Drafts (documents)

Letters (correspondence)

Subjects

Dance criticism

Dramatic criticism

Film criticism

Musical criticism

Occupations

Journalists

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-3 Article Drafts 1982-1986
 Clippings
- b. 1 f. 4-11 1970-1979
- b. 2 f. 1-9 1979-1983
- b. 3 f. 1-15 1984-1988
- b. 3 f. 16 Letters 1982-1987