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**Papers on the History of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Youtt, Jene, 1942-

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**Date:** 1883-2008 [bulk 1985-2005]

**Size:** 3.86 linear feet (10 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by Jene Youtt in 2001

**Abstract:** The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) is the largest union representing the back-stage workers of the entertainment industry. The union was created in 1886.

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## Creator History

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) is the largest union representing the back-stage workers of the entertainment industry. The union was created in 1886. Jene Youtt was a member of the union's history committee and helped research the union's history for the centennial celebration.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection contains catalogs; newsletters; trade magazines; photocopies of documents describing the history of the union, including constitution and by-laws; and proceedings of the conventions. Also

included are manuals, handbooks, stage screws and wrenches, and information about the union's benefit funds. Three different newsletters describe what happens at local union meetings and throughout the international union.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Collective bargaining  
Labor unions

### **Occupations**

Stagehands  
Stagehands -- Labor unions

### **Names**

International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees

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- b. 1 f. 6 Berkey Coloran Catalog 1986-1994
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- b. 6 f. 8 Radio City Productions 1996
- b. 6 f. 9 Shubert Archives undated
- b. 6 f. 10 *Snowden, George--IATSE: A Report* 1954
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