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Guide to the

Jean Korf collection of American Theatre Association records

1966-1984

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Summary

Creator: Korf, Jean

Title: Jean Korf collection of American Theatre Association records

Date: 1966-1984

Size: 1.89 linear feet (5 boxes)

Source: Donated by Jean Korf, 1998.

Abstract: Jean Korf was president of the American Theatre Association (ATA) from 1979 to 1980. The Jean Korf collection of American Theatre Association records contains administrative records dating from 1966 to 1984. Material is chiefly from Korf's presidency and from her time as chair of the ATA's Overseas Touring Committee.

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Related Materials:

American Theatre Association records. Billy Rose Theatre Division, The New York Public Library (An earlier donation from Jean Korf forms part of this collection.).

Creator History

The American Theatre Association (ATA) was founded in 1936 as the American Educational Theatre Association; the name was changed in 1972 when the organization was restructured. The group promoted theater and theater education, with emphasis on children's theater, theater in secondary schools and colleges, and community theater.

Jean Korf was a high school drama teacher before becoming a professor of theater at Rio Hondo College. She was a member of the ATA from 1948 until its dissolution in 1986. Her roles in the organization included serving as secretary from 1975 to 1976, and as president from 1979 to 1980.

Scope and Content Note

The Jean Korf collection of American Theatre Association records contains correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, and other records of the ATA from 1966 to 1984. Materials from Korf's presidency largely focus on ATA goals and objectives for the 1980s. The collection holds minutes of board and committee meetings dating from 1975 to 1983, and correspondence with ATA officers and committee members. Korf was chair of the ATA Overseas Touring Committee, which worked in conjunction with the USO and the Department of Defense to develop a touring college theater program. The overseas touring material includes correspondence, notes, and information packets. The collection also holds two posters from the American College Theatre Conference in 1970, and issues of the ATA publication Theatre News from 1978 to 1981.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in three categories: General Files, Goals and Objectives, and Overseas Touring Committee.

Key Terms

Names

American Educational Theatre Association
United Service Organizations (U.S.)

Container List

General Files

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- b. 5 f. 1-3 1970-1981
- b. 3 f. 1-6 1975-1984
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- b. 1 f. 8-10 Overseas Touring Committee 1972-1976