

**The Inventory**  
**of the**  
**Karin Branzell**  
**Collection**  
**#1595**

**Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center**



BRANZELL, KARIN

MARCH--JUNE 1975

Box 1

I. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL.

A. By KB.

Autobiographical holo. notes in Swedish & English, 53 p. (#1)

B. About KB.

1. Repertoire. Typescript with KB's holo. additions.
2. Profile by Quaintance Eaton entitled COLORFUL KARIN BRANZELL.  
Mimeo typescript, 4 p.
3. Biographical profile. Carbon typescript with holo. notes,  
1 p.

C. About Branzell family.

1. Biographical notes on Anders Branzell, KB's father. Carbon  
typescript, 4 p.
2. Family history written by Sten Branzell, 24 p., bound, mimeo.  
Inscribed to KB by Sten Branzell, 1949.

II. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

Including birth certificate; customs papers; documents from Nazi  
Germany, 1940, 1941; a citation from U. S. Department of Treasury,  
1942; Finnish citation, 1941. 11 items. 1918--1942.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

1891--1975. 63 items. (#2)

Belmont, Eleanor (Mrs. August) TLS, Nov. 27, 1967.

Blech, Leo ALS (postcard) with his photo; ANS, n.d.; ALS,  
June 15, 1935.

Bori, Lucrezia 2 TLS, Nov. 8, 1943, & Nov. 19, 1943.

Branzell, Karin CTL to Edward Johnson, Nov. 19, 1943 (3 copies);

CTL to Edward Johnson, Nov. 25, 1943.

Damrosch, Hetty (Mrs. Frank) ALS, ca. Feb. 6, 1944.

Deering, Henri TLS, Dec. 6, 1945.

Gustaf Adolf VI (King of Sweden) telegram, Nov. 14, 1962.

Homer, Louise TLS, Feb. 18, 1945.

Johnson, Edward TLS, Nov. 23, 1943.

Robinson, Francis TLS, Dec. 30, 1964; CTLS, Jan. 7, 1965.

Schonberg, Harold C. TLS, March 14, 1967.

Sibelius, Jean TLS, Sept. 20, 1951.

Wagner, Siegfried ALS (postcard), n.d. Probably shortly after  
WWI.

IV. OPERA PROGRAMS.

1915--1972. 15 items.

Including program from KB's U.S. debut in Die Walküre, with  
Metropolitan Opera in 1924.

V. PRINTED MATERIALS REFERRING TO KB.

A. Tearsheets from newspapers & magazines. English & Swedish.

Includes obituaries.

1918--1975. 59 items. (#3)

B. Typescript of press notices, Swedish, 1947, 1 p.

C. Publicity portfolio, typescript & xerox, 6 p.

D. Description of Royal Academy of Music.

E. Invitation to Bicentennial of the Royal Academy of Music, Stockholm.  
Sept. 7--9, 1971.

F. Royal Academy of Music, Stockholm Annual, 1972.

- G. Royal Academy of Music, Stockholm list of members, 1973.
- H. Brief history & list of members, the Pension Association of Artists & Writers, 1974. Stockholm.
- I. Royal Academy of Music, Stockholm minutes, list of members, invitations. Mimeo, 4 p.

VI. COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS.

- A. "To Karin". Poem by Mary de Witt Peltz.
  - a) Typescript, signed, 1 p.
  - b) Carbon typescript, 1 p.
- B. Printed score of The Lake, by Robert Fairfax Birch, ca. 1957, dedicated to KB, 3 p.
- C. Typescript citation from Royal Opera in Stockholm, 1 p.
- D. Incomplete poem by Sten Branzell about KB & the kindness of the Mannheimers. Holo., 1 p.
- E. Speech made by Dr. Eva Platon at the centennial of the birth of Anders Branzell. Jan. 26, 1960, carbon typescript, 5 p.

VII. PHOTOGRAPHS.

Glossy & matte photos of life & career of KB, ca. 1900--1970's .  
Ca. 130 photos. Many signed by KB. (#4)  
Including photos with Gregor Piatigorsky, Chaliapin, Birgit Nielson,  
etc.; & photo of Madame Schumann Heink inscribed to KB, 1929.

VIII. WATERCOLOR.

Of KB's house in Switzerland, by her brother Sten, 1948.

IX. MEDALS.

Given to KB. 5 items.

- A. Society for Advancement of Swedish Art, Music, and Literature,  
1918. 2 medals.

- B. Pro-Dania, 1940--1945.
- C. Swedish Medal from King Gustaf Adolf VI, 1967.
- D. Silver Cross with blue ribbon. 2 medals. "The White Rose of Finland"
- E. Royal Academy of Music, Stockholm, 1968.

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Box 1. Photograph of grave of Karin Branzell-Reinshagen  
(1891-1974) in plot with graves of her parents.  
Small color shapshot. (#5)

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Box 2

I. Photographs

A. Karin Branzell and Family

1. KB's grave in Stockholm. Color photo. [f.1]
2. KB at unveiling of portrait at Metropolitan Opera ca. 1970-71. Color photo. [f.1]
3. KB head shots (3) ca. 1940. B&W photos. [f.1]
4. KB with man and woman ca. 1970. Color photo. [f.1]
5. KB inscribed B&W photo, 1944 and ca. 1944 B&W photos. [f.1]
6. KB as Braugaene in "Tristan and Isolde", B&W photo inscribed 1944 ca. final performance at Metropolitan Opera, NY. [f.1]
7. KB ca. 2/14/48 B&W photo. [f.1]
8. KB with a man. Ca. 1940's. B&W photo. [f.1]
9. KB with Fritz Kneisler ca. 1940 in Bar Harbor, Maine. B&W photo. [f.1]
10. KB as Braugaene in "Tristan and Isolde" ca. 1930 at Metropolitan Opera, New York City. B&W photo. [f.1]
11. KB as Brunhilde in Malkuse ca. 1920. B&W photo. [f.1]
12. KB at the Berlin Staatsoperam, two photos ca. 1920. Probably show KB dressed for role of Amme in "Die Frau ohne Schatten". [f.1]
13. Inscribed photo of KB dated March 18-24, 1939. [f.1]
14. Jenny Branzell- KB's mother.
  - a. B&W snapshot. JB in dress next to urn, ca. 1880's. [f.1]
  - b. B&W snapshot fragment of JB, ca. 1880's. [f.1]
  - c. JB in 1925. B&W snapshot. [f.1]
15. Branzell family photo ca. 1895. Father Anders, mother Jenny, KB, baby Sten. [f.1]
16. Scrapbook of KB and family photos ca. 1920-30's. B&W and color photos.
17. Scrapbook of 22 B&W photos of KB in opera costumes ca. 1920's.

B. Friends and Acquaintances

1. Autographed B&W photo of man in uniform, 1920. [f.2]
2. Autographed B&W photo of man, 1967. [f.2]
3. King Gustav V, autographed B&W photo, 1948. [f.2]
4. Blech, Leo (German conductor & composer) inscribed photo, 8/19/25. [f.2]
5. Bodanzky, Artur (Austrian conductor) inscribed B&W photo, March 1938. [f.2]
6. Bohm, Karl (Austrian conductor) inscribed B&W photo. [f.2]
7. Busch, Fritz (German conductor) Inscribed B&W photo, 1935. [f.2]
8. "Caspar" inscribed B&W photo, 3/25/35. [f.2]
9. "Cecilie" last crowned princess of Germany. Autographed B&W photo. [f.2]

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10. Kirsten Flagstad (Norwegian soprano) Inscribed B&W photo Feb. 1936. [f.2]
11. Larson-Todsen, Karin (Swedish soprano) B&W portrait. [f.2]
12. "Margaret" [Princess of Sweden who discovered KB], B&W photo 1912. [f.2]
13. Martinelli, Giovanni (Italian tenor) Inscribed B&W photo, Feb. 1929. [f.2]
14. Mechior, Lauritz (Danish tenor) inscribed B&W photo mounted on wooden plaque. n.d.
15. Nilsson, Birgit (Swedish soprano) ANS/picture postcard, 1966. [f.2]
16. Rethberg, Elizabeth (German soprano) inscribed B&W photo, March 1940. [f.2]
17. ~~Sibelius, Jean~~<sup>Sibelius, Jean</sup>, inscribed B&W photo, 1931. [f.2]  
Sibelius, Jean

II. Printed Material

A. Prints

1. Taritsa, Maria- inscribed print, sepia colored, 1922. [f.3]
2. National Theater, Munich. Color print. [f.3]

B. Publications

1. Opera News, includes profile on KB, 12/28/42. [f.3]
2. Opera News, includes KB obituary, 1/25/75. [f.3]
3. KB obituaries clipped from newspapers. December 16-17, 1974.
  - a. German publication
  - b. New York Times
  - c. Los Angeles Times
  - d. Pasadena Star-News

C. Programs

1. "Honoring Karin Branzell: A Gala Evening of Songs and Arias Performed by Friends and Colleagues." 2/20/71 Blue program with many autographs inside front and back cover. [f.4]

D. Miscellaneous

1. "Vorwort" photocopied piece from German book. By Eyvind Johnson. [f.3]
2. Calendar page, December 1974. 14<sup>th</sup> marked as day KB died. 18<sup>th</sup> marked as date of remembrance. [f.3]

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III. Memorabilia

A. Awards

1. Silver cup with wooden handle engraved- "K.B. Joy in singing. 1965"
2. Gold crown medal. "1858-6/16-1948"
3. King Gustavus V medal with engraving "Litteris et Artibus"
4. Stone face paperweight.

Box 3

5. Porcelain dish commemorating KB's career labeled "1957 Merry Christmas from Rose Marie Freui. The Bantam Roost, Hyde Park N.Y."
6. Silver tray, engraved, presented by the New York Metropolitan Opera. March 4, 1944.