

The Inventory

of the

Donald Buka

Collection

#1762

Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center



Buka, Donald
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12/9/09
Preliminary Listing

- I. Correspondence.
- Box 1 A. Personal and professional, 1887-1980, includes TLS, TL, ALS, telegrams, and greeting cards; includes: [F. 1]
1. Barrett, Mason to Gray-Fiske, Harrison. ALS, 4 p., 11/17/1891.
 2. Fontanne, Lynn.
 - a. TLS to DB's mother, 2 p., 1/23/40.
 - b. TLS to "Mr. Rice" re: DB's acting, 1 p., 8/1/40.
 - c. TLS to DB, 1 p., 8/1/40.
 - d. TLS to DB, 1 p., 3/6/68.
 - e. ALS to DB, 2 p., 8/30/77.
 3. Wilson, John. ALS to DB, 1 p., 11/22/40.
 4. Lunt, Alfred.
 - a. Telegram to DB, 8/3/41.
 - b. TLS to DB, 1 p., 3/4/42.
 5. Shumlin, Herman.
 - a. ALS to DB, 2 p., Mar. 1942.
 - b. TL from DB to Shumlin, 1 p., 3/31/42.
 6. McEllroy, W.S. (Dean of University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine). TNS to DB, n.d.
 7. Corio, Ann. Telegram to DB, 5/29/42.
 8. Mitropoulos, Dimitri. TLS to DB, 1 p., 3/29/55.
 9. Hellman, Lillian.
 - a. TL to DB, 2 p., 1/8/71 (2 drafts).
 - b. TLS to DB, 1 p., 1/22/74 (2 drafts).
 10. Davis, Bette. Postcard to DB, n.d.
 11. Le Gallienne, Eva. ANS to DB, n.d.
- II. Professional Materials.
- A. Subject files; may include printed materials, correspondence, manuscripts, and holograph notes.
1. "Hamlet Project DB 63," includes: [F. 2-4]
 - a. Da Costa, Morton. TLS to DB, 1 p., 2/17/64.
 - b. Penn, Arthur.
 - (i) TLS to DB, 1 p., 6/2/87 (3 drafts).
 - (ii) TLS to DB, 1 p., 6/15/87.
 2. "Solo Hamlet" [F. 5]
 3. Untitled, re: DB; includes resumes; holograph notes. [F. 6]
- B. Various resumes and holograph notes, 13 p. [F. 7]

III. Printed Materials.

- A. Files; may include clippings, programs, and flyers.
1. Untitled, re: DB and various performances, includes: [F. 8-11]
 - a. Shumlin, Herman.
 - (i) TL to DB, 1 p., 3/28/42 (3 drafts).
 - (ii) TLS to Peter Davis, 2 p., 3/28/42.
 - (iii) TLS to DB, 1 p., 4/2/42.
- B. Life magazine, 9/13/43; includes 3 p. article on the film “Watch on the Rhine,” starring DB. [F. 12]
An additional proof of an article about DB is located in the Large Size Material section of this preliminary listing.
- C. Various programs, flyers, and clippings, re: DB, ca. 1940s-1980s. [F. 13]

IV. Photographs.

- A. Files; may include printed materials, clippings, and correspondence.
1. Photograph album of promotional stills from “A Street with No Name,” starring DB, 18 black and white prints. [Env. 1]
 2. “Buka Production Photos,” includes: [Env. 2-12]
 - a. DB with Bette Davis from “Watch on the Rhine,” 4 black and white prints.
 - b. DB, Bette Davis and the cast of “Watch on the Rhine,” 7 black and white prints.
 - c. Bette Davis, Paul Lukas, Henry Daniell, from “Watch on the Rhine,” 1 black and white print.
 - d. Bette Davis, Paul Lukas from “Watch on the Rhine,” 1 black and white print.
 3. Untitled, re: DB’s resume, includes proof prints.
 4. Untitled, re: DB’s career and friends, includes:
 - a. Bette Davis, 1 black and white print.
 - b. Hans Conried, Ruth McDevitt in “The Absence of a Cello,” 1 black and white print.
 - c. Groucho Marx, 1 black and white print of sketch.
 - d. Woodward, Joanne. TLS to DB, 1 p., 12/11/08, re: condolences sent.

- Box 2 B. Professional, 19 black and white prints of DB and friends; includes: [F. 1]
1. Mary Pickford, Buddy Rogers, signed to DB “Much Love tour Donald Always your Friend Mary-Buddy,” 2 black and white prints.
 2. Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Gladys Hanson, signed to DB “Donald Dear-Here’s the picture you wanted M.P.”
 3. “Ollie,” from “Fran, Kukla, and Ollie,” ca. 1950, 1 black and white print.
 4. Mary Pickford, signed “To Tess with much love-Mary,” 1 black and white print.

5. DB and group at dinner; includes Grace Kelly, 1 black and white print.
- C. Personal re: DB and family and friends, 35 black and white prints, 12 color prints. [Env. 1, F. 2]
Additional photographs are located in the Large Size Material section of this preliminary listing.
- V. Manuscripts.
 A. "POME (From the Annals of America's Worst Verse)," by Robert Cenedella, TS, 2 p.
- VI. Scrapbooks.
 A. "Donald Buka of Stage, Screen, Radio & Television." 1952-1953. [F. 3]
- VII. Artwork.
 A. Drawing of Arturo Toscanini, by Gerry Doyle. [F. 4]
 B. Pencil drawing of the First Provincetown Playhouse, artist unidentified.
 C. Pencil drawing by W. H. Funk of unidentified man.
 D. Caricature of Tallulah Bankhead, artist unidentified.
Additional artwork is located in the Large Size Material section of this preliminary listing.
- VIII. Personal Memorabilia.
 A. Page featuring high school progress reports for Esther Rosenbloom (DB's mother) and vaudeville pamphlet, ca. 1900s.
 B. Invitation to a Halloween party, 10/31/1906; includes correspondence of Rosenbloom, Esther (DB's mother).
 C. Advertisement for DB performance, n.d.
 D. Ione Gaul Walker funeral program, 1987.
 E. Drawing of DB as Hamlet, n.d.
 F. "Design for Living." silver plate, 1984. [Env. 2]
- IX. Large Size Materials.
 Package 1
 A. Photographs.
 1. Pickfair estate with DB and unidentified man and woman, 1 black and white print.
 2. DB in plays, 2 black and white prints.
 3. Lynn Fontaine, Alfred Lunt, signed to DB, 1 black and white print.
 4. Unidentified woman 'Bea' signed to DB, 1 black and white print.
 5. DB, 9 black and white prints.
 B. Article proof about DB, 1983.
 C. Artwork.
 1. Print of Edmund Kean as Richard III.
 2. Color production drawing of an apartment scene, n.d.

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- I. Printed Materials.
 - A. Re: DB. [F. 5]
 - 1. Flyers.
 - a. "The Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival," ca. 1978.
 - b. "Radio Classics Live Salute to Radio Comedy," 5/5/2000.
 - 2. "The Brockton Radio and Television Digest," 2 issues: May 5-6, 1950; May 4-5, 1951.

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- I. Film and Video.
 - A. "1983 Radio Convention – Nov. 11-12, 1983 – New Jersey," digital video disc; includes: [F. 6]
 - 1. "Let's Pretend – Arthur Andersen, Bill Lipton, Don and Robert Buka; Brave Little Tailor – Sybil Trent, Gwen Davies, Jackson Beck."
 - 2. "The Shadow – Arthur Andersen, Arnold Moss, Ken Roberts; Murder by the Deed – Jackson Beck, Darley Baer, Marge Stevenson."
 - 3. "Ted Malone Remembers."