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Edinburgh Drama Conference, 1963

The first International Drama Conference was held September 2 - 7, 1963, as part of the Edinburgh International Festival. The Drama Conference was organized by John Calder who collected this material. Writers from twenty-three countries were invited to participate to discuss contemporary theater and such issues as trends in drama, subsidy, censorship, nationalism, and the future of the theater. Kenneth Tynan was conference chairman. Participants whose correspondence is in this collection include Edward Albee, Hilton Edwards, Martin Esslin, John Gielgud, Graham Greene, Sir Lawrence Olivier, John Osborne, Harold Pinter, Erwin Piscator, Kenneth Tynan, and Franco Zeffirelli. Some letters include answers to a questionnaire or the typescript of an essay to be presented at the conference.

The Edinburgh International Drama Conference collection has been at Northwestern University Library since 1967.

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I. Individual Correspondents

Adamov, Arthur. 1 Telegram.

Albee, Edward. 1 Telegram; 2 T.L.S.

Alberry, Donald. 1 T.L.S.

Allen, Ted. 3 TL.S.; 1 T.L. unsigned.

Anderson, Lindsay. 1 Telegram.

Anderson, Lindsay. 1 T.L.S.; answer typed to questionnaire; 3 typed invitations.

Arden, John. 2 A.L.S.; 1 T.L.S.; 2 Telegrams.

Arrabal, Fernando. 1 ticket from Fryer Travel; 2 A.L.S.

Bart, Lionel. 1 T.L.S.

Barton, Craig. 1 T.L.S.

Behrman, S.N. 1 Telegram; 1 T.L.S.

Bell, Anne Graham. 2 T.L.S.

Bentley, Eric. 2 Telegraph Cables; 4 T.L.S.

Besekos, Sain. 1 A.L.S.

Bolt, Robert. 2 T.L.S.

Borgen, Johan. 1 T.L.S.

Buchan, Janey. 1 T.L.S.

Burton, Richard. 1 T.L. (signed by secretary).

Bury, John. 1 T.L. (signed by secretary).

Calder, John. 2 T.L.S.; 2 T.L. unsigned.

Chambure, Gue de. 1 Telegram; 1 T.L.S.

Chayefski, Paddy. 1 Telegram.

Clurman, Harold. 1 Telegraph Cable; 1 A.L.S.; 1 T.L.S.

Cronyn, Hume. 1 T.L.S.

Delaney, Shelagh. 1 T.L.S.

Devine, George. 1 typed answer to questionnaire.

Dewey, Kenneth. 1 A.L.S.

Dubillard, Roland. 1 T.L.S.

Duncun, Ronald. 1 A.L.S.; 2 T.L.S.

Dunnett, Alastair. 1 T.L.S.

Duras, Marguerite. 2 A.L.S.

Eliot, T.S. 1 T.L.S. (by secretary)

Edwards, Hilton. 1 T.L.S. (by secretary); 1 T.L.S.; 4 pp. typescript signed: "Nationalism in the Theatre Today."

Elliott, Michael. 1 T.L.S.

Esslin, Martin. 1 T.L.S.; 2 pp. typescript: "Present Trends and Future Tendencies in the Theatre."

Fischer, Ernst. 1 T.L.S.

Fitzgerald, James. 1 T.L.S.

Flicker, Theodore J. 1 T.L.S.

Ford, R.J.C. 1 T.L.S.

Fried, Erich. 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Fry, Christopher. 1 A.L.S.

Garfein, Jack & Baker, Carroll (Mrs. Garfein). 1 Telegram; 1 Telegraph Cable; 2 T.L.S.(from Mayfair Travel Service, John H. Zorek); 1 A.L. to Garfeins.

Gascoigne, Bamber. 2 T.L.S.

Gassman, Vittorio. 1 Telegram; 1 T.L.S.

Grassi, Paolo. 1 Telegram.

Gelber, Jack. 1 Telegraph Cable; 1 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.

Gielgud, John. 1 T.L.S.

Glenville, Peter. 2 T.L.S.

Gordon, Giles. 2 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.

Greene, Graham. 1 T.L.S.

Guinness, Alec. | A.L.S.

Haggard (?). 1 A.L.S.

Hall, Peter. 1 T.L.S.; 1 Telegram.

Hay, Julius. 1 Telegram; 1 T.L.S.

Harewood, (Lord). 1 T.L.S.

Haynes, James A. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L. unsigned.

Heller, Robert P. 1 T.L.S.

Heliodora, Barbara. 1 T.L.S.

Herbert, Jocelyn. 1 A.L.S.

Hobson, Harold. 1 A.L.S. (postcard).

Hristic, Jovan. 1 A.L.S.

Inness-Brown, Bernice. 1 T.L.S.

Johansson, Mats. 2 Telegrams; 1 Cablegram.

Kaprow, Allan. 1 A.L.S.

Karvas, Peter. 1 Telegram.

Kazan, Elia. 1 T.L.S.

Kemp, Robert. 1 T.L.S.

Kerr, Walter. 1 T.L.S.

Kopit, Arthur. 2 T.L.S.

Kott, Jan. 4 A.L.S.; 1 pp. typed signed answer to questionnaire.

Kroese, (Miss) A. Stenfert. 2 T.L.S.

Lawler, Ray. 1 A.L.S.

Luft, Friedrich. 1 T.L.S.

Mclellan, Robert. 2 T.L.S.

Mac Liammoir, Micheal. 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Macrae, Duncun. 3 A.L.S.

Mankowitz, Wolf. 2 T.L.S.

Markowitz, Charles. 1 A.L.S.; 2 T.L.S.; 1 T.LS.(by Jim Haynes).

Mercer, David. 2 T.L.S.

Miles, Bernard. 1 T.L.S.

Miles, Agnes Georges De. 1 A.L.S.; 1 T.L.S.

Miller, Arthur. 1 A.L.S.

Miller, Jonathan. 1 T.L.S.

Morley, Robert. 1 T.L.S.

Mortimer, John. 2 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.

Obaldia, Rene De. 1 T.L.S.

Olivier, (Sir) Lawrence. 1 pp. typed and signed answer to questionnaire.

Osborne, John. 1 typed answer to questionnaire; 1 T.L.S. (postcard).

Owen, Alun. 2 T.L.S.

Page, Geraldine. 1 Telegram.

Pinter, Harold. 1 A.L.S.; 1 T.L.S.

Piscator, Erwin. 1 Telegram; 1 A.L.S.; 1 pp. T.L.S. answer to questionnaire.

Plowright, Joan. 1 T.L.S.

Priestly, J.B. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Reckford, Barry. 1 A.L.S.

Redgrave, (Sir) Michael. 1 T.L.S.

Reid, Alexander. 1 TL.S.

Richard, Barry. 1 A.L.S.

Richardson, Tony. 1 T.L.S.

Ritchie, D.R. 1 T.L.S.

Robbins, Jerome. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Saunders, James. 1 A.L.S.

Schneider, Alan. 3 T.L.S.

Scofield, Paul. 1 A.L.S. (postcard); 1 A.L.S. (postcard from Joy S.); 1 A.L.S.

Schaffer, Peter. 1 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.; 1 A.L.S. (postcard).

Simpson, N.J. 1 A.L.S. (postcard).

Smith, R.D. 2 T.L.S.; 1 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.

Soyinka, Wole. 1 T.L.S.; 1 A.L.S.

Stefanovic, Alex V. 5 T.L.S.

Tabori, Paul. 1 T.L.S.

Thomas, Gywn. 3 T.L.S.

Tutin, Dorothy. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Tynan, Kenneth. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L. unsigned; 3 pp. typescript: "Who Makes Theatre --Actor, Playwright or Director?"

Ustinov, Peter. 1 T.L. (by secretary).

Walser, Martin. 1 A.L.S.

Wanamaker, Sam. 1 A.L.S.

Warburg, F.J. 2 T.L.S.

Weigel, Helene. 1 Telegram; 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L. unsigned.

Wesker, Arnold. 3 T.L.S.

Whiting, John. 1 T.L.S.

Williams, Emlyn. 1 T.L.S.; 1 T.L.S. (by secretary).

Wilson, Angus. 2 T.L.S. (postcards).

Zeffirelli, Franco. 1 T.L.S.

Unsigned or Unidentifiable Correspondence.

II. Miscellaneous Material Pertaining to the Organization of the Conference. (2 folders).

These files include drafts of the list of the participants, a questionnaire concerning the future of drama answered by "some distinguished men of the theatre," publicity releases and brochures, the program for the Conference and assorted correspondence relating to the organization of the Conference.

III. Newspaper Clippings.