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James Hoffman fonds

1. Fonds-level description

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Biographical sketch

James Hoffman is professor emeritus of theatre at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, British Columbia. His research specialty is the theatre history and culture of British Columbia. He has recently been examining the relationship between professional theatre companies in small cities (Kamloops, Prince George, Nanaimo) and their communities. His latest publications include editing of "Whose Culture Is It, Anyway? Community Engagement in Small Cities" (New Star Books, 2014) and an essay, "Performing Community Action in the Small City: The REDress Project in Kamloops," in the book, "Animation of Public Space through the Arts, Toward More Sustainable Communities" (Almedina, 2013). He has co-edited "Playing the Pacific Province: An Anthology of British Columbia Plays, 1967-2000" (Playwrights Canada Press), Alan Filewod's "Performing Canada: The Nation Enacted in the Imagined Theatre" (TSC Monographs), and edited "George Ryga: The Other Plays" (Talonbooks) and "George Ryga: The Prairie Novels" (Talonbooks).

Hoffman was born in Victoria BC in 1943, educated at University of Victoria, then at New York University where he obtained his Ph.D. in theatre history; his dissertation is entitled "A Biographical and Critical Investigation of the Stage Plays of George Ryga." He taught post-secondary theatre courses at the David Thompson University Centre in Nelson, East Kootenay Community College in Cranbrook, and Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, where he became chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department and co-director of the Community-University Research Alliance, which focused on the study of the culture of small cities. He achieved the designation of full professor in 1995 and professor emeritus in 2012.

A selection of other major publications includes: "The Ecstasy of Resistance, A Biography of George Ryga," Toronto: ECW Press, 1995; "Biocritical Essay" in The George Ryga Papers, University of Calgary Press, 1995; "Genre Contention at the New Play Centre," in Theatre Research in Canada, Vol. 16, Nos. 1-2; "Theatre" entry in The Encyclopedia of British Columbia, Vancouver: Harbour Publishing, 1999; "Subverting Modernisms in British Columbia:

Christopher Dafoe at the Vancouver Sun, 1968-1975," chapter in "Establishing Our Boundaries: English Canadian Theatre Criticism," Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999; and "Shedding the Colonial Past: Rethinking British Columbia Theatre," in BC Studies 137 (Spring 2003). He has also written program notes for many plays staged by Western Canada Theatre in Kamloops. He is now living in Victoria where he has donated his collection of British Columbia Theatre History Papers to the University of Victoria Library. His George Ryga Papers have been donated to the University of Calgary Library.

He is a member of the Canadian Association for Theatre Research and the Canadian Theatre Critics Association.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials to Hoffman's professional and research activities and reflects his involvement in the BC theatre community. Topics include: aboriginal performance, Carroll Aikins, British Columbia Theatre Conference, British Columbia theatre history, Llewelyn Bullock-Webster, Hamasta ceremony, Inkameep School, New Play Centre, "Nootka Sound, or Britain Prepar'd,""Oxford Companion to Canadian Theatre," "Playing the Pacific Province," Sydney Risk/Everyman Theatre, Theatre Energy, Theatre North West, Theatre One, Vancouver theatre history, Victoria theatre history, and the Western Canada Theatre (Company).

Fonds includes video recordings from the BC Theatre Conferences and audio interviews with Burton Lancaster, Garry Davey, Catherine Caines, Donna Spencer, David Ross, Robert Simon, Len Marchand, Ken Fayrholdt, Ann Adamson, Peggy Bernier, Judith Ceroli, Dorothy Davis, Nick Hutchinson, Cathy Marrion, Mavor Moore, and Phoebe Smith

Notes

Acquired from James Hoffman, September 2013.

2. Structure

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3. Inventory

Accession 2013-051

- 1.1. Aboriginal Performance BC Playwright & Theatre Company Listings; Henning Schafer Articles; Aboriginal masks postcards [Textual records]
 - 1.1.1. The Seventh Generation, A Brief Introduction to Native Canadian Theatre. [List of significant dates, List of playwrights, Bibliography; Photocopy.] / Henning Schafer? Germany. 200-?
 - 1.1.2. British Columbia Native Playwrights. [List of playwrights, List of theatre companies, Bibliography; Photocopy.] / Henning Shafer. Post-2002.
 - 1.1.3. "The Seventh Generation: Native Canadian Playwrights and the Urban Indian." [Journal article; Photocopy.] / Henning Schafer. Zeitschrift für Kanada-Studien. 21, n.2 pp.169-183. 2001.
 - 1.1.4. "History of Native Theatre." [Essay or book chapter; Draft?] / Henning Schafer. Post 2003.
 - 1.1.5. "A Celebration of Impurity? Locating Syncretism and Hybridity in Native Canadian Theatre." [Essay.] / Henning Schafer. Undated.
 - 1.1.6. Aboriginal wood carvings. [Postcards; Ten commercial postcards (8 colour, 2 sepia); Images depict carved masks, ornaments, totem poles.] / Various creators. 196-?-198-?
 - 1.1.7. Out of the Mists: Northwest Coast Art, From the Museum of the American Indian, New York. [Brochure: Exhibition promotion, 6 pages, illustrated with 7 colour photographs and one map.] / Gallery of Science and Art, New York. 1984.
 - 1.1.8. [Notes: Hand-written in pencil and ink on reverse side of discarded catalogue cards, Content related to Aboriginal masks and artifacts.] / James Hoffman. Undated.
- 1.2. Aboriginal Performance Articles Newspaper Clippings
 - 1.2.1. "Theatres of Contact: The Kwakwaka'wakw Meet Colonialism in British Columbia and the Chicago"... [Article from online source.] / Paige Raibmon. Canadian Historical Review, v.81 no. 2. June 2000.
 - 1.2.2. "A Ranch of Our Own: A History of European/First Nations relations as told through the Memorial to Sir Wilfred Laurier, 1910." [Draft presentation.] / Marianne and Ron Ignace. Worlds in Collision Colloquium, February 2002. Victoria, BC. Organized by the Department of History, University of Victoria. 2000?
 - 1.2.3. "A Euclataw Chief." [Article; Photocopy.] / E.F. Meade. The Beaver. Winter 1965.
 - 1.2.4. "Art & Apartheid." [Newspaper clipping.] / Paul Gessel. The Daily News, Kamloops. November 6, 2010.

- 1.2.5. "So, Who Did Get Here First? There was a time when archeologists agreed on one convenient theory about how early man arrived in the New World. No More." [Newspaper clipping.] / John Noble Wilford. The Globe and Mail. November 17, 1999.
- 1.2.6. "Hah, Mah, Tsa." [Article; Photocopy.] / Basil H. Johnson. Tawow 6.1. 1978.
- 1.2.7. Coyote and Salmon. [Book excerpts; Single printed page.] / James Alexander Teit. The Shuswap. 1909.
- 1.2.8. "Living on Display: Colonial Visions of Aboriginal Domestic Spaces." [Article; Photocopy.] / Paige Raibmon. BC Studies 140. Winter 2003/4.
- 1.2.9. "Performing Ethnography." [Photocopy.] / Victor and Edith Turner. The Drama Review 94. Summer 1982.
- 1.2.10. "Making Dance History: Kwakwaka'wakw Performance Art at the American Museum of Natural History." [Book chapter; Photocopy.] / Judith Ostrowitz. Privileging the Past, Reconstructing History in Northwest Coast Art. 1999.
- 1.2.11. "Historic Pole Raised in British Museum." [Newspaper clipping.] / Unattributed.The Daily News, Kamloops. October 18, 2003.
- 1.2.12. "Chicago Museum Returns Human Remains to Haida." [Newspaper clipping.] / Unattributed. The Daily News, Kamloops. October 18, 2003.
- 1.2.13. "Special Report 2000-2003: Three Years in Review!" [Newspaper insert; Articles related to relationship building between Aboriginal and Establishment communities.] / Various contributors. The Daily News, Kamloops. October 21, 2003.
- 1.3. Aboriginal Performance Presentation Notes Programs BC Studies Conference
 - 1.3.1. "Tzinquaw: A Site of Postcolonial Performance in British Columbia." [Typewritten Presentation Notes for the BC Studies Conference; 2 copies.] / James Hoffman. 2003.
 - 1.3.2. British Columbia: Rethinking Ourselves. [Conference Program; 3 copies.] / BC Studies Conference. Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues, University of British Columbia. 2003.
- 1.4. Carroll Aikins The God of Gods ; Draft Paper ; Home Theatre at Naramata ; Hart House Theatre ; Cultural Events Timeline from Penticton Herald
 - 1.4.1. The God of Gods, An American-Indian Play. [Photocopies: Program cover and List of cast and characters of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre production, November 8, 1919; newspaper reviews from Birmingham Gazette, Evening Despatch and The Stage.] / Carroll Aikins. November 1919.
 - 1.4.2. [Draft paper on Carroll Aikins' Home Theatre, Naramata, B.C.; Hand written in pencil on lined paper.] / James Hoffman Undated.
 - 1.4.3. [Photocopies of newspaper articles, reviews and notices about productions by The Canadian Players Company at the Home Theatre, Naramata.] / Unattributed. 1921-1922.
 - 1.4.4. [Photocopies of articles relating to Hart House Theatre; Pages from An Uncommon Fellowship: The Story of Hart House.] / Ian Montagnes. 1922-1969.

- 1.4.5. [Hand written notes listing references to cultural events in the Penticton Herald in the early 1920s.]
- 1.5. Carroll Aikins Articles ; Patrick O'Neill Correspondence ; Notes, Drafts, Hoffman Article Correspondence
 - 1.5.1. "Amateur Theatre in Canada." [Book chapter; Photocopy.] / Carroll Aikins. Yearbook of the Arts in Canada 1928-1929, Bertram Booker, ed. Toronto. MacMillan. 1929.
 - 1.5.2. "Reflections on the Decline of the Little Theatre." [Article; Photocopy.] / Lockie Campbell. The Curtain Call. November 1939.
 - 1.5.3. "The Little Theatres." [Article; Photocopy.] / Carroll Aikins, ed. The Canadian Forum. November 1928.
 - 1.5.4. "Notes and Comment: Canadian Little Theatres." [Editorial comment from a journal issue featuring Little Theatre; Photocopy.] / Unattributed. The Canadian Forum. November 1928.
 - 1.5.5. "The Neighborhood Playhouse." [Article; Photocopy.] / Oliver M. Sayler. Theatre Arts Magazine, vol. 6 no. 1. January 1922.
 - 1.5.6. "The Temple of a Living Art." [Article; Photocopy.] / Browne, Maurice. Chicago: The Drama League of America. The Drama, no. 12. November 1913.
 - 1.5.7. Letter from Patrick O'Neill to James Hoffman. [Re: a writing collaboration on four early works by Carroll Aikins: The Destroyers, The Fullness of Life, The God of Gods, and Real Estate; Typewritten; Signed 'Patrick'.] / Patrick O'Neill. June 2, 1988.
 - 1.5.8. "Carroll Aikins Before the Home Theatre." [Paper read by Patrick O'Neill at the Second B.C. Theatre Conference.] / James Hoffman and Patrick O'Neill. UBC, Vancouver, B.C. October 11, 2001.
 - 1.5.9. "The Impact of Copyright Legislation Upon the Publication of Sheet Music in Canada, Prior to 1924." [Journal article; Off-print.] / Patrick O'Neil. Journal of Canadian Studies v. 28, n. 3. Fall 1993.
 - 1.5.10. "Dramatic Copyright Law in the Nineteenth Century. Intricate, Confused and Uncertain." [Essay; Laser-print copy.] /Patrick O'Neill. Post-1989.
 - 1.5.11. "The Cabin on the Plain." [Poem. Book excerpt. Photocopy on yellow paper.] / Carroll Aikins. –Toronto. J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd. The Voice of Canada, A Selection of Prose and Verse made by A.M. Stephen. 1927.
 - 1.5.12. A Request for Copies of Articles. [Hand-written letter to Provincial Archives; Photocopy.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
 - 1.5.13. Bibliography. [Hand-written list of articles.] / James Hoffman. Undated.
 - 1.5.14. Chronology. [Hand-written list of dates relating to Carroll Aikins' Home Theatre; Date range: Nov. 8, 1919-Fall 1922.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
 - 1.5.15. "Carroll Aikins and the Home Theatre." [Draft article; Master version of prereader's copy of draft paper; Related earlier drafts, research, and notes.] / James Hoffman. 1985.

- 1.6. Carroll Aikins Home Theatre Research ; Interview Notes ; Articles ; Biography ; Correspondence
 - 1.6.1. The Home Theatre Research. [12 photocopied items: newspaper clippings, biographical information.] / Collected by James Hoffman. [Sources include: The Penticton Herald, MacLean's Magazine, The Billboard, Theatre Arts Magazine.] 1920-1967.
 - 1.6.2. The Aikins Estate; and The Site of the Home Theatre. [Two colour photographs.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
 - 1.6.3. The Home Theatre Estimated Layout. [Floor plan sketch.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
 - 1.6.4. Notes and Interviews. [Hand-written notes recording people contacted and information gathered.] / James Hoffman. Fall 1984?
 - 1.6.5. "Carroll Aikins, Home Producer." [Article; Photocopy.] / Aileen Beaufort. Canadian Magazine 60: 557-562. April, 1923.
 - 1.6.6. "Carroll Aikins." [Article; Photocopy.] / Betty Clough. Okanagan Historical Society Forty-Second Annual Report. 1978.
 - 1.6.7. "Naramata in Retrospect." [Typewritten; Photocopy.] / Unattributed. Undated. [This title was published in the 1960s, and reprinted in 1994 by the Naramata Historical Society.]
 - 1.6.8. "The French Theatre; and Dr. Charles W. Colby." [Two newspaper clippings; Photocopied on one legal size sheet.] /
 - 1.6.9. Letter to Jim Hoffman. [Re: Thanking Hoffman for returning poems written by Carroll Aikins, and providing corrections to historical details in a draft of, "Carroll Aikins and the Home Theatre".] / [Carroll Beichman; Notes indicate Hoffman interviewed Carroll Beichman in Sept. 1984]. –1985.
- 1.7. Carroll Aikins Manuscript The Destroyers
 - 1.7.1. The Destroyers, A Drama in Three Acts. [Typewritten; Photocopy; Stamped "Library of Congress Copyright Deposit United States of America".] / Carroll Aikins. Undated.
- 1.8. Carroll Aikins Manuscripts The Fullness of Life; Real Estate
 - 1.8.1. The Fullness of Life. [Hand-written cover page; Typewritten; Photocopy.] / Carroll Aikins. Undated.
 - 1.8.2. Real Estate. [Hand-written cover page; Typewritten; Photocopy.] / Carroll Aikins. Undated.
- 1.9. British Columbia Theatre Conference Programs Correspondence Planning Materials Funding Applications
 - 1.9.1. Conference Planning Materials. [Program; Call for papers.] / 1999.
 - 1.9.2. Conference Planning Materials. [Applications, Correspondence.] / 1998-1999.
 - 1.9.3. Conference Planning Materials. [Planning meeting notes.] / September 27, 1998.
 - 1.9.4. University College of the Cariboo Scholarly Activities Committee Application for Research Funds. / October 1998.
 - 1.9.5. BC Heritage Trust Funding Application. / 1998.

- 1.10. British Columbia Theatre Conference Funding Applications
 - 1.10.1. Conference Funding Materials. [Financial information; Applications, Correspondence, Notes.] 1999.
- 1.11. British Columbia Theatre Conference 1999 Financial Records Contact Information Panel on Native Performance Research; Correspondence: Playwrights Union of Canada, Alison Green, Joan MacLeod; Abstracts; Conference Paper
 - 1.11.1. Financial Records. [Cheques, Receipts, Invoices, Statements.] / 1998-1999.
 - 1.11.2. Email Addresses. [List of 28 names; Hand-written by each individual.]
 - 1.11.3. Conference Presentation Submissions. [Eleven submissions.] / Karrie M. Sebryk, Stephen E. Miller, Nicole Preston, R. Bruce Kirkley, Marc Maufort, Richard J. Lane, Melanie Buddle, Kim Norman, Sherrill Grace, Cynthia McGlashan, Murray Edwards. – 1999.
 - 1.11.4. Issues of Native Performance in British Columbia, Possible points of discussion for Panel at BC Theatre Conference. / 1999?
 - 1.11.5. Correspondence with Playwrights Union of Canada. [Re: Canadian playwright readings.] 1998-1999.
 - 1.11.6. Mailing Lists. [List for conference posters; List for conference papers.] /
 - 1.11.7. Panel Discussion on BC Theatre Design. [Letters; Proposed outline.] / Alison Green, James Hoffman. 1999.
 - 1.11.8. Funding and Sponsorship Information. [Notes; Letters; Application form.] 1998.
 - 1.11.9. "Introduction to British Columbia's First Play: Nootka Sound; or, Britain Prepared." [Conference paper.] / James Hoffman. 1999.
- 1.12. British Columbia Theatre Conference Proposed 1980s Conference : Budget, Correspondence, Proposal, etc.
 - 1.12.1. Correspondence between James Hoffman and Michael Booth. [Three letters from M. Booth on University of Victoria Letterhead; Two letters from James Hoffman. / Michael Booth and James Hoffman. November 1984-April 1985.
 - 1.12.2. Conference Planning Materials. [Draft proposal, program; Sample programs; Hand-written notes.] / Collected or written by James Hoffman. 1984?
 - 1.12.3. Correspondence between James Hoffman and Theatre Representatives. [Eleven letters Re: conference planning.] / James Hoffman, Malcolm Page (SFU), Gwen Ringwood, Martin Segger (UVic), Ann P. Wallace (Playwrights Canada), Peter Mannering, Bob Lawrence (UVic), Nigel Hunt, Denis W. Salter, (U. Calgary), John A. Bovey (BC Archives). 1984-1985.
 - 1.12.4. Financial Information. [Letters, Notes, Funding application forms.] / 1983-1985.
- British Columbia Theatre Conference 2001 Programs Planning Materials Conference Paper
 - 1.13.1. Staging the Pacific Province 2, a Conference on British Columbia Theatre. [Conference program (two copies formatted, and a laser-print copy of the text).] / -2001.
 - 1.13.2. Mildred A. Horn: Sex Hygienist, 1946. [Playbill; Photocopy.] / Lisa Lowe (playwright and performer). -2001.

- 1.13.3. Conference Planning Meeting Agenda. [Documents for August 20, 1999 meeting.] / 1999.
- 1.13.4. "Recollections of an Itinerant Easterner: BC Theatre 1972." [Paper presented at the 2001 BC Theatre Conference.] / Don Rubin. 2001.
- 1.14. British Columbia Theatre History Overview of Early British Columbia Theatre (notes); Articles with Notes by Patrick O'Neill; Bibliographies; Newspaper Feature
 - 1.14.1. Overview of Early British Columbia Theatre. [Hand-written notes.] / James Hoffman. Undated.
 - 1.14.2. Royal [three unrecognized words in ornate script] Concerning Five Years Servitude under the Hudson's Bay Company on Vancouver Island. [Photocopy of a title page of an item held by BC Archives.] / Faxed from BC Archives March 3, 2005.
 - 1.14.3. Notes sent from Patrick O'Neill to James Hoffman. [Laser-print copy.] / Patrick O'Neill, annotated by James Hoffman. 2001.
 - 1.14.4. "The New Frontier: Toward and Indigenous Theatre in British Columbia." [Book excerpt; Photocopy.] / Andrew Parkin. Westport, Conn. Greenwood Press. Theatrical Touring and Founding in North America. 1982.
 - 1.14.5. "Theatrical Boom in the Kootenays." [Article; Photocopy.] / Michael R. Booth. The Beaver. Autumn 1961. pp. 42-46.
 - 1.14.6. "The Beginnings of Theatre in British Columbia." [Article; Photocopy.] / Michael R. Booth. Queen's Quarterly v.68. Spring 1961. pp.159-168.
 - 1.14.7. "Pioneer Entertainment." [Article; Photocopy.] / Michael R. Booth Canadian Literature v. 4. Spring 1960. pp. 52-58.
 - 1.14.8. "Theatres in BC: The Beginnings." [Conference paper delivered at the International Theatre History Conference, Graduate Centre for Study of Drama; Photocopy.] / Andrew Parkin. University of Toronto. August 1979.
 - 1.14.9. A Bibliography of British Columbia Theatre. [Laser-print copy.] / James Hoffman. 2000.
 - 1.14.10. Annotated Bibliography: Theatre and Drama in Western Canada. [PhD Tool Requirement. Typewritten.] / James Hoffman. March 1983.
 - 1.14.11. "Secret Voyage to BC, A special, six-page BC Day Report." [Newspaper insert; 2 pages.] / Various authors. The Vancouver Sun. 5 August, 2000.
- 1.15. British Columbia Theatre History Gold Rush Theatre; The Modern Room Exhibition Guide; Ashcroft Opera House; Capitol Theatre, Nelson; Interview Notes: Nick Hutchinson; Caravan Farm Theatre Articles and Programs
 - 1.15.1. The Gold Rush, Gold in Early British Columbia. [Publication containing eight Gold Rush related articles; English and French text; b/w illustrations; 36 pages.] / Various contributors. Public Archives Canada. The Archivist v. 13 n. 1. January-February 1986.
 - 1.15.2. "Gold Rush Entertainment in British Columbia: Setting the Stage for a New Cultural Frontier, 1865-1875." [Conference paper for the BC Studies Conference; Photocopy.] / Melanie Buddle. Prince George, BC. 1997.

- 1.15.3. "Gold Rush Theatre and the Palace Grand." [Article; Photocopy.] / Robert Coutts. The Beaver. Spring 1982.
- 1.15.4. "An Analysis of the Theatrical Entertainment in Barkerville with Recommendations for Future Productions." [Paper prepared for the Historic Parks and Sites Division, Parks Branch, Department of Recreation and Travel Industry; Photocopy.] / Chad Evans. 1976.
- 1.15.5. The Modern Room. [Exhibition guide.] / Edythe Hembroff-Schleicher. Victoria, BC. Provincial Archives of British Columbia. 1981.
- 1.15.6. Ashcroft Opera House. [Six colour photos.] / James Hoffman. August 2007.
- 1.15.7. "House of the Rising Voices." [Article on the Ashcroft Opera House; Newspaper clipping.] / Mike Youds. Kamloops, BC. The Daily News. Friday, September 2, 2005.
- 1.15.8. Historic Theatre Research. [Fax copy of a memo and research summary conducted for the City of Westminster, BC Planning Department; Heading "Capitol Theatre in Nelson BC" highlighted.] / Karen Ramsay. Westminster, BC. 2000.
- 1.15.9. Capitol Theatre Nelson BC, Preliminary Plan One. [Blueprint; Annotated with notes and sketches.]/ Unattributed. November 15, 1982.
- 1.15.10 Capitol Theatre Restoration Society Presentation to the Council and Faculty of DTUC Concerning Ways and Means of Involvement in the Restoration and Renovation of a Community Arts Facility. [Council meeting documents; Notes; Correspondence; "Hot Times" Playbill.] / January 1983.
- 1.15.11 Nick Hutchinson Interview. [Typed notes.] / James Hoffman. May 3, 2001.
- 1.15.12 "Way Off Broadway, Caravan Farm Theatre provides fertile soil for homegrown plays and organic veggies at its one-of-a-kind venue in the North Okanagan." [Article, Travel focus.] / Brian Payton. British Columbia Magazine. v. 46 n. 2. pp. 50-57. Summer 2004.
- 1.15.13 The Blue Horse by Peter Anderson, Music by John Millard, July 24-August 26. [Program; Newsprint.] / Caravan Farm Theatre. 2007.
- 1.15.14 The Apple Orchard by Colin Heath. [Program; Photocopy.] / Caravan Farm Theatre. Undated.
- 1.15.15 Creation 1991, Part One of the Mystery Cycle, a Modern Retelling of the Bible Stories. [Program.] / Caravan Farm Theatre. 1991.
- 1.16. British Columbia Theatre History Theatre Comique, Kaslo; Harry Lindley's Merely Players (microfiche); Regionalism Articles; Theatre in the Kootenays Articles and Postcards; Enderby Program and Poster; Finnish Theatre at Sointula
 - 1.16.1. "Theatre Comique." [Article; Photocopy.] / Chad E. Evans. Kaslo, BC. Westworld. July-August 1978.
 - 1.16.2. Harry Lindley: Merely Players. [Microfiche.]/ 189-?.
 - 1.16.3. "Regional Theatre: A Concept Wanes." [Article; Photocopy.] / Ray Conlogue. The London Free Press. March 3, 1984.

- 1.16.4. "The Regionalism of Canadian Drama." [Article; Photocopy.] / Diane Bessai. Canadian Literature no. 85. Summer 1980.
- 1.16.5. Sandon, BC. [Two commercial postcards; Photographs of the mining town of Sandon taken in 1898; Sepia.] / Original photographs held by the Sandon Historical Society and the Kootenay Lake Historical Society.
- 1.16.6. "Paddy Casey's Home' Again Finely Played." [Newpaper clipping; Photocopy.] / Annie M. Sharp. Kamloops Sentinel. March 25, 1930.
- 1.16.7. "Theatre in the Kootenays." [Typewritten; Excerpt from Historic Theatre in BC: 1850-1900; Photocopy.] / Chad Evans. 1976.
- 1.16.8. Not the Way I Heard It ... [Theatre Program.] / Enderby and District Community Play Project. Enderby, BC. Undated.
- 1.16.9. The Tale of the Unknown Island by Jose Saramago, and The King of Capri by Jeanette Winterson. [Playbill, hand illustrated, in colour; Letter requesting posting of the playbill.] / Runaway Moon Theatre. 2005.
- 1.16.10. Finnish Theatre at Sointula. [Eight photographs with negatives.] / James Hoffman. Undated.
- 1.16.11. Sointula Visitor Information. [Two travel brochures.] / 2003.
- 1.16.12. A Brief Historical Survey of the Finnish-Canadian Community. [Book excerpt; Photocopy.] / National Archives of Canada. Archival Sources for the Study of Finnish Canadians. 1989.
- 1.17. British Columbia Theatre History Manuscript Critique The Road Runs North
 - 1.17.1 The Road Runs North, A Musical Play about the Cariboo Gold Rush and the Story of Billy Barker. [Manuscript: Critique, Outline, Music, Production Notes, Script; Typewritten text; Hand-written musical scores; Photocopy, stamped: Property of Playwrights Theatre Centre.] / Gwen Ringwood and Art Rossoman. 1967.
- 1.18. British Columbia Theatre History Program : I've Always Wanted to Ride a Streetcar ; Correspondence : Christopher Dafoe, Anton Wagner ; British Columbia Film History Articles
 - 1.18.1. I've Always Wanted to Ride a Streetcar. [Theatre program.] / James Hoffman and Paul Crawford. 1987.
 - 1.18.2. Correspondence between James Hoffman and Christopher Dafoe. [Re: an article Hoffman was writing which included a "paragraph" on Dafoe as past Sun drama critic; Letters sent on letterhead.] / Christopher Dafoe and James Hoffman. 1992.
 - 1.18.3. Correspondence from Anton Wagner. [Re: Publication of Establishing Our Boundaries, English-Canadian Theatre Criticism; Printed email.] / Anton Wagner. 1999-2000.
 - 1.18.4. "Film Subsidies Earn Thumbs Down." [Newspaper clipping.] / Doug Saunders. The Globe and Mail. November 30, 2001. p. A12.
 - 1.18.5. "When the Lights Go Down, What happens in a movie theatre when the opening credits roll? A documentarian is turning the spotlight onto the audience."

- [Newspaper clipping.] / Kim Honey. The Globe and Mail. Tuesday, November 20, 2001. Section R.
- 1.18.6. "Vancouver Cinema in the Sixties." [Essay. Laser-print copy.] / Zoe Druick. Ruins in Process: Vancouver Art in the Sixties. Published online at www.vancouverartinthesixties.com. 200-?.
- 1.18.7. Film History Information. [Listing of online resources for film history in BC; Notes from online sources.] / Undated.

- 2.1. Llewelyn Bullock-Webster (Major) BC Dramatic School Programs; Christine McNabb Correspondence; Scripts: Samaria; Shadow of the Nile; Newspaper Clippings; Bullock-Webster Correspondence, Interview, Articles
 - 2.1.1. Programs. [Eight Programs; Photocopies.] / BC Dramatic School. 1921-1936.
 - 2.1.2. Diploma Form. [No recipient; Photocopy.] / BC Dramatic School. March 1923.
 - 2.1.3. "Drama Becomes Educational Tool, Prize Winners of Greater Victoria School Drama Festivals." [Newspaper clipping.] / Gilbert Yard. Victoria, BC. Victoria Daily Times. February 28, 1948. p. 3.
 - 2.1.4. Bullock-Webster Correspondence. [Four letters to Christine McNabb.] / L. Bullock-Webster. 1943-1947.
 - 2.1.5. Christine McNabb Correspondence. [Letters from Christine McNabb to James Hoffman.] / 1984.
 - 2.1.6. He Passed Through Samaria. [Published script; Photocopy.] / L. Bullock-Webster. The Anvil. 193-? .
 - 2.1.7. Shadow of the Nile. [Script; Typewritten; Photocopy.] / L. Bullock-Webster. Undated.
 - 2.1.8. Collected Articles Relating to L. Bullock-Webster. [Newspaper clippings; Articles; Photocopies.] / Various sources. 1923-1979.
 - 2.1.9. Sandro Bullock-Webster Correspondence. [Correspondence between S. Bullock-Webster and James Hoffman; Handwritten.] / Sandro Bullock-Wesbster. 1984.
 - 2.1.10. Interview Notes. [Notes from interviews with Christine McNabb, Marjorie Sullivan, Noel Cusack, Ann Adamson; Handwritten.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
 - 2.1.11. "Producing or Directing a Play." [A paper prepared for a series of informal talk on community drama in British Columbia; Photocopy.] / L. Bullock-Webster. Undated.
 - 2.1.12. "Acting." [Presentation paper; Photocopy.] / Undated.
 - 2.1.13. "The Development of Canadian Drama." [Presentation paper; Photocopy.] / L. Bullock-Webster. 1943.
 - 2.1.14. "The Work of the BC Dramatic School." [Typewritten manuscript; Photocopy.] / L. Bullock-Webster. 1929?
- 2.2. Llewelyn Bullock-Webster (Major) Bullock-Webster Correspondence; Preparatory Notes for Article; Canadian Drama Awards Notes

- 2.2.1. BC Dramatic School Correspondence. [Four typewritten letters relating to courses and productions; Photocopies.] / L. Bullock-Webster. Victoria, BC. 1921-22.
- 2.2.2. "L. Bullock-Webster and the BC Dramatic School 1921-1932." [Twenty items related to the research, presentation and publication of this paper, including: the versions presented at Conference and submitted to Theatre History in Canada; Master Draft; Correspondence; Preparatory Notes.] / James Hoffman. –1984-1988.
- 2.2.3. Canadian Drama Awards Notes. [Six items, including: Hand-written notes; Photocopied forms; Photocopied articles.] / James Hoffman. 1984.
- 2.2.4. "Victorian Wins Drama Award." [Newspaper clipping.] / Unattributed. Victoria, BC. Victoria Daily Times, Saturday, December 6, 19??.
- 2.3. Hamasta Ceremony Preparatory Notes Articles (Franz Boas)
 - 2.3.1. Bibliographical Notes. [Nine index cards; Hand-written.] / James Hoffman. Undated.
 - 2.3.2. "Theatrical Aspects of the Kwakiutl Winter Ceremony." [Research paper; Typewritten.] / James Hoffman. May 1982.
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