Finding Aid for the
Marjorie McPharlin Collection
Nancy Staub Puppetry Research Library
Center for Puppetry Arts
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Collection Summary

Title: Marjorie McPharlin Collection
Span Dates: 1928 - 1980, Undated
Bulk Dates: 1930s – 1960s
Creator: Marjorie B McPharlin
Extent:
Accession: 1998.003
Fonds Record: 1998.003.019
Languages: English, Spanish
Repository: Nancy Staub Puppetry Research Library, Center for Puppetry Arts
1404 Spring St NW
Atlanta, GA 30309
Abstract: This collection comprises the work of Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin and her husband, Paul McPharlin. The majority of the collection focuses on the life and work of Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin.

Administrative Information

Provenance: This collection contains materials donated to the Center for Puppetry Arts by the estate of Marjorie McPharlin and encompasses materials representative of her work and contributions to the art of puppetry.

Processing History: This collection contains materials sent to CPA by the estate of Marjorie McPharlin. The collection was loosely organized and housed in archival housing by CPA Collection Manager Kayla Wirtz in 2015. In the summer of 2024, CPA intern Gage Williams reassessed all materials in the collection, reorganized material as needed, created finding aid for the collection, and cataloged the collection in the Past Perfect database by creating a Fonds record and Series level records. All material was moved in the Archive to a permanent physical location on shelving and locations were recorded on the database records.

Copyright Status: Some material may be copyrighted or restricted. It is the patron's obligation to determine and satisfy copyright or other case restrictions when publishing or otherwise distributing materials found in the collections.

Access and Restrictions: The records of the Nancy Lohman Staub Archives collection are open to research by appointment only. The library and archives are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:30 to 3:30, it is suggested that researchers call a week in advance to set up an appointment.

Preferred Citation: Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information Collection Title, Nancy Staub Puppetry Research Library, Center for Puppetry Arts.

Scope and Content Note

Marjorie and Paul McPharlin were prolific puppeteers of the 20th century. This collection includes artwork and publications from his career spanning from the 1920's to his death in 1948. The content related to Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin spans from the late 1920's to the early 1980's. Her general collections include writings and publications related to puppets and puppet plays across the world. There is an extensive collection of artwork, photographs, and slides that encompass both her personal work and travels. Artwork includes puppet and puppet play set designs, patterns, and stencils. Photographs include puppets and sets made by Majorie B. McPharlin,

puppets and puppet plays by other artists around the world, workshops and classes taught by Marjorie B. McPharlin, travel photos, and personal photos. This collection also includes postcards, journals, posters, and pins related to puppetry and her international travels.

Organization of the Papers

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Series: General

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Folder – Puppet Templates
Folder – Scripts (1 of 2)
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Series: Publications

Box 1

Folder – Applied Puppetry
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Folder – International, 1957-1978
Folder – PH.D. Dissertation Reference Material, 1942

Series: Artwork

Box 1

Folder – *Alice in Wonderland*
Folder – *Faust*
Folder – *The Lamp and the Bell*
Folder – Navajo Inspired Drawings
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Folder – *The Death of Tintagiles*, Costume & Set Designs

Series: Photos

Sub-Series – General (1998.003.019.4.1)

Box 1

Folder – Classes and Workshops
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Folder – UCLA Children's Theatre Class, Peace Corps

Box 2

Folder – Czechozlovakia, 1960
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Sub-Series – Puppet Plays (1998.003.019.4.2)

Box 1

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Folder – *Death of Tintagiles*, 1937
Folder – *Frame and the Poet*, 1933
Folder – *Faust*, 1931
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Folder – *Saint Cyprion and the Devil*, 1933
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Series: Postcards

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Folder – Austria
Folder – Ceylon, Painted Wooden Mask Series
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Folder – India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
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Folder – Mexico, 1949
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Series: Slides

Box 1

Folder – Workshop Puppets (1)
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Folder – International Exhibit

Folder – Puppets & Global Scenes

Box 2

Folder – Russia and Yugoslavia
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Folder – Orange Slide Box, Columns 1 & 2
Folder – Orange Slide Box, Columns 5 & 6
Folder - Orange Slide Box, Columns 3 & 4

Box 3

Folder – Yugoslavia
Folder – United States Puppetry
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Folder – Miscellaneous

Box 4

Folder – Turkey
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Folder – Italy through Romania

Series: Journals

Box 1

- Travels in Europe, Vol 1, March – June 1938
- Travels in Europe, Vol 2, 1938
- Fulbright to India (and Around the World), Book 1 of 3, 1963
- Fulbright to India (and Around the World), Book 2 of 3, 1964
- Fulbright to India (and Around the World), Book 3 of 3, 1965

Box 2

- State Department Tour, Vol 1, July 4 – September 17, 1980
- State Department Tour, Vol 2
- International Festival of Puppet Theaters, May 15 – August 12, 1958
- X UNIMA Congress, June 19 – July 15, 1969

Series: Oversized

Box 1

Folder – Photos, General
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Folder – Artwork, Hand & Rod Puppets, 1947
Folder – Artwork, Sets & Puppet Design
Folder – Artwork, Puppet Line Drawings
Folder – Artwork, Puppet Drawings & Photos
Folder – Artwork, *Danny Duck's Dizzy Day*, 1939
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Series: Posters

Oversized – Shelf

Poster – Third International Festival of Puppet Theatres, Romania, 1965 (rolled)
Poster – 1st International Fest of Puppet Theatres, Bucharest, 1958 (rolled)
Poster – Theatre de poupees d'athenes, 1984

Poster – Mockobcknn (lion poster in Russian, labeled USSR on back)
Poster – Russian doll and fish poster (folded)
Poster – Porwanie rooster poster, Gulliver Theatre, Poland
Poster – Festival Pecs, hungary, 1969
Poster – donkey poster, Central State Puppet Theatre, Moscow
Poster – PTK doll poster, Russian
Poster – rose poster, Russian, 1959
Poster – lion poster, Russian
Poster – boy with net poster, Russian, USSR
Poster – puppet poster blue Morka Morka Morka, Russian
Poster – Mon poster, Russian, USSR
Poster – boy and girl poster, russian
Poster – trapeze artist poster, Russian
Poster – globe puppet poster (folded), russian
Poster – mockobcknn tehebon teatp poster, russian
Poster – phantom and singer poster, Russian (folded)
Poster – Theatre, Tomosoara, Rumania poster (folded)
Poster – international puppet festival, Warsaw, Poland, 1962 (folded)
Poster – Demmini's Theatre, Leningrad (folded)
Poster – Cordoba, Argentina poster (folded)
Poster – Bobo poster from the collection of the historical arts conservatory of American puppeteers, 1980
Poster – historia poster from theatre 'Laler w Biakymstoku, Poland'
Poster – Marionetteatret I Kongens Have poster
Poster – Theatre, Craiova – Rumania poster

Series: Ephemera

Box 1

- Miscellaneous Pins

Box 2

- Miscellaneous Pins