

Register to Paul Dukas Correspondence with Marguerite Hasselmans, and Related Materials

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MSS 107

CREATOR: Dukas, Paul, 1865-1935

TITLE: Paul Dukas Correspondence with Marguerite Hasselmans, and Related Materials.

DATES: 1893-1933

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: InEnglish.

SUMMARY: Correspondence between the French composer and critic Paul Dukas (1865-1935) and his friend Marguerite Hasselmans, a concert pianist and Gabriel Fauré's mistress.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from Sotheby's in 2009.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to researchers by appointment. There are no restricted materials in the collection. Please contact the [Special Collections staff](#) to schedule an appointment.

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Preferred Citation

MSS 107, Paul Dukas Correspondence with Marguerite Hasselmans, and Related Materials in the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library of Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

Paul Dukas was born in Paris on October 1, 1865. He studied composition at the Paris Conservatoire with Ernest Guiraud; in 1928, Dukas himself became a professor of composition at the Conservatoire. Like Schumann, Debussy, and Thomson, Dukas was a prominent music critic as well as a composer. He composed a variety of works, mostly for orchestra, voice, or piano. He was not prolific, and he destroyed numerous pieces that did not meet his standards. His most frequently performed composition is *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. He died in Paris on May 17, 1935.

Marguerite Hasselmans (1876–1947), daughter of the harpist and composer Alphonse Hasselmans, was a concert pianist and Gabriel Fauré's mistress and constant companion until the end of his days. She was also a close friend of Paul Dukas and Isaac Albéniz. She was beautiful and cultivated; she was interested in philosophy, she read Russian, and she behaved like a modern young woman, for example by smoking and wearing makeup in public. She was appreciated by her contemporaries for her musical talents, her conversation and her delicacy.

Scope and Contents

Paul Dukas' correspondence with Marguerite Hasselmans spans the years 1907 to 1933 and includes 86 autograph letters and 50 postcards addressed to Marguerite Hasselmans, signed with initials ("PD") or in full ("Paul Dukas"). The collection also includes three letters from Paul Dukas to Gabriel Fauré and contains 15 letters and postcards to Marguerite Hasselmans or her father Alphonse and her brother Louis, written by Paul Poujaud, Jules Massenet, Benjamin Godard, Pauline Viardot, Pierre Lalo and Camille Saint-Saëns.

Arrangement

In 2 series as follows: I. Paul Dukas' Correspondence. II. Other Correspondence.

Collection Contents

Series I: Paul Dukas' Correspondence, 1907-1933

86 Items (letters, 50 postcards.)

Letters are of different size, some are cross-written, some with drawings.

Letters and postcards were written from various places : Paris, Royan, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Cannes, Brussels, Fontainebleau, Salzburg and elsewhere. It is a characteristically witty series, especially in the collection of postcards, where the composer often sends a humorous line or remark, sometimes relating to the image printed on the reverse, enclosing frivolous and irreverent poems. It is also a revealing correspondence, all the more since Paul Dukas was a notably private person. This collection of letters to Marguerite Hasselmans contains intimate insights into his private and professional life, discussing his works, including *Ariane et Barbe-Bleue*, the symphony, *la Peri* amongst others ; his friendship with Albéniz (deploring his loss), Fauré, Paul Claudel, Alfred Cortot, Widor, Saint-Saëns, Jacques Durand, Florent Schmitt, Poujaud, and his family, including announcing his decision to marry Suzanne Pereyra, the death of his brother, the anniversary of his father's death and other family events; the musical life of Paris and his work as a critic. As the companion of Fauré and a musician herself, Marguerite Hasselmans was a uniquely-placed correspondent for Paul Dukas. Their correspondence continued and even intensified after Fauré's death.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 2 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 2 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 1 page Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 2 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 3 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 2 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1907 May 15
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 3 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907 June 17
b. 1, f. 1	Paris 3 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1907 September 6

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 1	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1907 September
b. 1, f. 1	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1907 October
b. 1, f. 1	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1907 December 7
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1908-1910
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1908 February 10
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1908 February 25
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph poscard signed PD	1908 April 3
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed paul Dukas	1908 August 9
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1908 November 8
b. 1, f. 2	Brussels Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1908 December 12
b. 1, f. 2	Brussels Autograph postcard signed PD	1908 December 15
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph poscard signed PD	1909 March 6
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph poscard signed PD	1909 April 4
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1909 July 8
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph poscard signed PD	1909 August 13
b. 1, f. 2	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1909 September 23

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1910 February 8
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1910 May 19
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1910 May
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1910 August
b. 1, f. 2	Salzburg Autograph postcard signed PD	1910 October 18
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>1 item (page, envelope)</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1910 October 24
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1910 October 26
b. 1, f. 2	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1910 December 7
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1911-1913
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1911 August 21
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard	1911 August 26
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1911 September 9
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1911 September 26
b. 1, f. 3	Paris <i>2 pages</i>	1911 October 7
b. 1, f. 3	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1912 ?
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph card signed Paul Dukas	1912 March

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 3	Paris 3 <i>pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1912 March 23
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 2 <i>pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1912 May 20
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 1 <i>page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1912 June 17
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 1 <i>page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1912 July 13
b. 1, f. 3	Florence Autograph postcard signed PD	1912 August 28
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1912 October 13
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 1 <i>page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1913
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 1 <i>page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1913 January 24
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph poscard signed Paul Dukas	1913 March 10
b. 1, f. 3	Paris 1 <i>page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1913 April 19
b. 1, f. 3	Nîmes Autograph postcard signed PD	1913 May 24
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1913 June 20
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1913 August 11
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard	1913 August 18
b. 1, f. 3	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1913 August 30
b. 1, f. 3	Paris	?

b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1914-1916
b. 1, f. 4	Avignon Autograph postcard signed PD	1914 May 9
b. 1, f. 4	Montpellier Autograph postcard signed PD	1914 May 17
b. 1, f. 4	Moulins Autograph postcard signed PD	1914 May 27
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1914 May 31
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1914 August 29
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1914 December 14
b. 1, f. 4	Paris Autograph letter signed PD	1915 January 21
b. 1, f. 4	Paris Autograph postcard	1915 May 25
b. 1, f. 4	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1915 June 20
b. 1, f. 4	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1915 September 4
b. 1, f. 4	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1915 September
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1915 December 11
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1916 January 2
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1916 April 19
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1916 July 26

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1916 July 30
b. 1, f. 4	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1916 September 24
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1917-1920
b. 1, f. 5	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1917
b. 1, f. 5	Paris <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1917 April 8
b. 1, f. 5	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1917 August 15
b. 1, f. 5	Cannes <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1917 December 11
b. 1, f. 5	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	1918 August 27
b. 1, f. 5	Villefranche-sur-Mer Autograph postcard signed PD	1919
b. 1, f. 5	Villefranche-sur-Mer Autograph postcard signed PD	1919 April 6
b. 1, f. 5	Nice Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1919 October 17
b. 1, f. 5	Cannes <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1919 December 11
b. 1, f. 5	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1920 January 25
b. 1, f. 5	Villefranche-sur-Mer <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD (cross-written)	1920 April 8
b. 1, f. 5	Villefranche-sur-Mer <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1920 December 10

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 5	? Autograph postcard signed PD	1920?
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1921-1925
b. 1, f. 6	Paris Autograph postcard signed PD	?
b. 1, f. 6	? Autograph postcard signed PD	?
b. 1, f. 6	Paris Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1921 April 10
b. 1, f. 6	Hardelot Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas	1921 September 20
b. 1, f. 6	Fontainebleau Autograph postcard signed PD	1922 August 20
b. 1, f. 6	Fontainebleau <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1922 September 28
b. 1, f. 6	Royan <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1924 October 28
b. 1, f. 6	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 ? 10
b. 1, f. 6	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1925 April 26
b. 1, f. 6	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1925 April 28
b. 1, f. 6	Royan <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 August 3
b. 1, f. 6	Paris <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 August 23
b. 1, f. 6	Royan Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas (cross-written)	1925 September 8

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 6	Royan <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 October 11
b. 1, f. 6	Royan <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 November 9
b. 1, f. 6	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1925 December 24
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1926-1927
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1926 January 2
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1926 January 10
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas (cross-written)	1926 March 13
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1926 May 4
b. 1, f. 7	Nîmes Autograph postcard signed PD	1926 May 15
b. 1, f. 7	Sète Autograph postcard signed PD	1926 May 21
b. 1, f. 7	Royan <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1926 June 3
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas (cross-written)	1926 August 18
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD (cross-written)	1926 September 17
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope (cross-written)	1926 October 29

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1926 November 16
b. 1, f. 7	Chambéry Autograph postcard signed PD	1926 ?
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas (cross-written)	1927 June 29
b. 1, f. 7	Royan <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1927 July 10
b. 1, f. 7	Royan <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1927 July 29
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1927 August 23
b. 1, f. 7	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1927 November 9
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1928-1933
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1928 March 23
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1928 May 4
b. 1, f. 8	Royan Autograph postcard signed PD, envelope	1928 July 16
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed PD, envelope	1928 August 26
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1928 December 23
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1931 June 12

Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1931 June 19
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>2 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1931 August 8
b. 1, f. 8	Paris Empty envelope	1931 July 16
b. 1, f. 8	Royan Autograph postcard signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1931 September 13
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Pd (cross-written)	1931 November
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1931 November 17
b. 1, f. 8	Paris <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD (cross-written)	1931 November 24
b. 1, f. 8	Royan <i>4 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1932 September 18
b. 1, f. 8	Royan <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1933 July 28
b. 1, f. 8	Royan <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas, envelope	1933 August 24
b. 1, f. 8	? Visiting card+ autograph letter, envelope	1933?
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence to Gabriel Fauré	1910-1922
b. 1, f. 9	Salzburg <i>3 pages</i> Autograph letter signed Paul Dukas	1910 August 21
b. 1, f. 9	Pisa Autograph postcard signed PD	1912 October 6
b. 1, f. 9	Royan <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed PD	1922 June 25

Series II: Other correspondence, 1893-1913*6 letters, 9 postcards*

b. 1, f. 10	Correspondence to Marguerite Hasselmans	1895-1913
b. 1, f. 10	Lalo, Pierre Autograph card signed Pierre Lalo	1912
b. 1, f. 10	Paris 2 pages Lalo, Pierre, 1866-1943 Autograph letter signed Pierre Lalo, envelope	1912 November 16
b. 1, f. 10	Egreville Massenet, Jules, 1842-1912 Empty envelope	1898 July 4
b. 1, f. 10	Massenet, Jules Autograph letter + visiting card	1905 July 27
b. 1, f. 10	Poujaud, Paul 3 pages Autograph letter signed Paul Poujaud	1910 July 11
b. 1, f. 10	Poujaud, Paul Autograph postcard signed P. Poujaud.	1912 August 31
b. 1, f. 10	Poujaud, Paul Autograph postcard signed Paul Poujaud.	1913 September 7
b. 1, f. 10	Saint-Saëns, Camille Autograph card, envelope	1903 April
b. 1, f. 10	Paris Viardot-García, Pauline, 1821-1910 Autograph postcard signed P. Viardot	1895 May 29
b. 1, f. 10	Paris Viardot-García, Pauline, 1821-1910 Autograph postcard signed PV	1895 October 12
b. 1, f. 11	Correspondence to Alphonse Hasselmans	1893-1901
b. 1, f. 11	M. de Hastfer Autograph postcard	1901 January 7
b. 1, f. 11	Paris 3 pages Massenet, Jules, 1842-1912 Autograph letter signed J. Massenet	1893 April 14

Correspondence to Alphonse Hasselmans (continued)

b. 1, f. 11	Egreville <i>1 page</i> Massenet, Jules, 1842-1912 Autograph letter signed J. Massenet, envelope	1905 July 27
b. 1, f. 11	Morlaix <i>1 page</i> Pierné, Gabriel, 1863-1937 Autograph letter signed Gabriel Pierne	1905 July 31
b. 1, f. 12	Correspondence to Louis Hasselmans	1893-1911
b. 1, f. 12	Godard, Benjamin <i>1 page</i> Autograph letter signed Benjamin Godard	1893 May 16
b. 1, f. 12	Paris Autograph postcard signed ?	1911 May 4

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Composers -- Correspondence
Music -- France -- 20th Century

Names

Dukas, Paul, 1865-1935
Fauré, Gabriel, 1845-1924
Godard, Benjamin, 1849-1895
Hasselmans, Marguerite, 1876-1947
Lalo, Pierre, 1866-1943
Massenet, Jules, 1842-1912
Saint-Saëns, Camille, 1835-1921
Viardot-García, Pauline, 1821-1910