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# **Guide to the Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi**

**YCAL MSS 1135**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1135

**CREATOR:** Steinberg, Saul, 1914-1999

**TITLE:** Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi

**DATES:** 1936-1999

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.9 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In Italian and English.

**SUMMARY:** The papers are comprised of autograph manuscript letters from American artist Saul Steinberg to his friend, writer and architect Aldo Buzzi from 1936 to 1999.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.buzzi>

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

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Saul Steinberg Foundation, 2018. The Saul Steinberg Correspondence to Aldo Buzzi is comprised of two accessions received by the library in January and May 2018.

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### Custodial History

The Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi was deposited by Aldo Buzzi with the Saul Steinberg Foundation in 2004.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Saul Steinberg Correspondence to Aldo Buzzi. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

This material is open for research. Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

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## Processing Information

The chronological arrangement of the collection reflects the original order imposed by Aldo Buzzi prior to the collection's transfer to the Saul Steinberg Foundation. Some postcards and other correspondence include annotations on adhesive notes added by the Saul Steinberg Foundation between 2004 and 2018. These notes have been preserved by the Beinecke Library and may provide some context for adjacent correspondence.

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## Related Materials

Saul Steinberg Papers (YCAL MSS 1053). Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

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## Saul Steinberg (1914-1999)

Saul Steinberg was an Romanian-born American artist and illustrator, known for his visual commentary on American life created for the *The New Yorker* magazine during the 1940s through 1990s, as well as for his drawings, paintings, collages, and sculpture.

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## Aldo Buzzi (1910-2009)

Aldo Buzzi was an Italian writer and architect who was active in Italian cinema circa 1940s-1960s. Buzzi was born in Como, Italy on August 10, 1919. He received an architecture degree from the Politecnico di Milano in 1938 where he met and befriended Romanian-born artist Saul Steinberg. Buzzi and Steinberg remained close friends until Steinberg's death in 1999, maintaining a long-distance friendship through frequent

correspondence. Buzzi published a number of books and essays inspired by their friendship and letters including *Piccolo diario americano* (1974) and *Reflections and Shadows* (2002). Buzzi's partner of over 50 years was Bianca Lattuada, sister to Italian filmmaker Alberto Lattuada. Buzzi and Bianca Lattuada both worked in the Italian film industry beginning in the 1940s, often on Alberto Lattuada's films. After working as an assistant director and screen writer for Italian cinema through the 1960s, Buzzi became an essayist. He wrote and published books and essays, many on travel, from the 1970s through the early 2000s. Buzzi died in Milan on October 9, 2009.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers are comprised of autograph manuscript letters from American artist Saul Steinberg to his friend, writer and architect Aldo Buzzi from 1936 to 1999. The papers in this collection comprise Steinberg's half of the correspondence exchanged by the two friends during the course of their sixty-three-year-long friendship. Buzzi's half of the correspondence, to Saul Steinberg, is in the Saul Steinberg Papers. Steinberg's letters chronicle his personal and professional life as he relayed it to his friend. A few letters sent to Buzzi from friends of Steinberg are also included. These include Constantino Nivola, Steinberg's sister Lica Roman, Steinberg's partner Sigrid Spaeth, and Jean Stein.

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

b.1	1936-1940 <a href="#">Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi, 1936-1940</a>	1936-1940
b.1	1945-1960 16 Folders <a href="#">Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi, 1945-1960</a>	1945-1960
b.2	1961-1974 14 Folders <a href="#">Saul Steinberg correspondence to Aldo Buzzi, 1961-1974</a>	1961-1974
b.3	1975-1983 9 Folders	1975-1983
b.4	1984-1989 6 Folders	1984-1989
b.5	1990-1993 7 Folders	1990-1993
b.6	1994-1995 8 Folders	1994-1995
b.7	1996-1999 8 Folders	1996-1999
b.7	Undated	Undated
b.7	Other correspondence to Aldo Buzzi	circa 1957-1973

## **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**

Artists, American -- Archives  
Artists -- United States  
Artists -- United States -- 20th Century  
Cartoonists -- United States  
Illustrators -- United States  
Magazine illustration -- United States

### **Occupations**

Cartoonists -- United States -- 20th Century  
Illustrators -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Nivola, Costantino, 1911-1988  
Roman, Lica, 1913-1975  
Spaeth, Sigrid, 1936-1996  
Stein, Jean

### **Contributors**

Steinberg, Saul, 1914-1999  
Buzzi, Aldo