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# **Guide to the Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk Photographs of Theatrical Performers Collection**

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 267

**CREATOR:** Schlenk, Josephine, 1908- , collector

**TITLE:** Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk photographs of theatrical performers collection

**DATES:** 1927-1930

**BULK DATES:** 1927-1930

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.21 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk, 1927-1930. The Schlenk sisters were cast members of the musical, *Gay Paree*, directed by Jacob J. Shubert. Many of the photographs are portraits of their fellow cast members, as well as other theatrical performers. Portraits of individuals include the Schlenk sisters, as well as James Allatin, Alice Boulden, Irene Cornell, Patsy Costello, Dulcy Dowd, Bobby Pinkus, James Rennie, Charles "Chic" Sale, Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton, Eric Titus, Lillian Ward, and Lorraine Weimar. Interior group portraits show the cast of *Gay Paree* at Bob Berger's, a restaurant in Boston, Massachusetts, 1928. The collection includes a program for *Gay Paree* at the Shubert Theatre February 6, 1928.

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b. box  
f. folder

## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Ian Brabner, Bookseller, on the Elizabeth Wakeman Dwight Memorial Fund, 2006.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk, 1927-1930. The Schlenk sisters were cast members of the musical, *Gay Paree*, directed by Jacob J. Shubert. Many of the photographs are portraits of their fellow cast members.

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## Arrangement

Photographs arranged alphabetically by the surname of the performer, followed by individuals with unidentified surnames, group portraits. The collection includes a program for *Gay Paree* at the Shubert Theatre February 6, 1928.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Photographs, 1927-1930

#### 35 *Photographic Prints*

Promotional photographs of theater performers collected by sisters Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk

Photographs arranged alphabetically by the surname of the performer, followed by individuals with unidentified surnames, and group portraits.

|            |  |            |
|------------|--|------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Allatin, James (b. 1905)<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Member of Give and Take Show, 1926-1927<br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photograph by Strand, New York City, New York   | circa 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Boulden, Alice<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photograph by Rayhuff Richter, Chicago, Illinois   | 1930       |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Cornell, Irene<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photograph by H. Golden, 104 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts<br>Images depicts her body covered in gold paint for a dance performance entitled "The Gold Plaque" | 1928       |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Costello, Patsy<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk<br>Photograph by Hixton Studios, Kansas City, Missouri  | 1927       |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Dowd, Dulcy<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois   | 1927       |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Pinkus, Bobby (b. 1908)<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Born Peter James Accardy, later known as Peter James<br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by Strand, New York City, New York  | circa 1927 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Rennie, James (1890-1965)<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Miss Schlenk  | 1930, Mar  |

|             |  |                 |
|-------------|--|-----------------|
| b. 1, f. 8  | Sale, Charles "Chic" (1885-1936)<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk  | no date         |
| b. 1, f. 9  | Schlenk, Josephine, and Sophie Schlenk<br><i>9 Photographic Prints</i><br>Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois                                    | no date         |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Skelton, Red (1913-1997)<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk  | no date         |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Titus, Eric<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois           | 1928            |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Ward, Lillian<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois     | 1927            |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Weimar, Lorraine<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by deBarron Studios, New York City, New York | circa 1927      |
|             | Unidentified Surnames  | circa 1927      |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Cookie<br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Inscriptions to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photographs by James Hargis Connelly, Chicago, Illinois            | 1927, Aug 23    |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Margaret<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk<br>Photograph by Herbert Mitchell, New York  | circa 1927      |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Midge<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photograph by Daguerre Studios, Chicago, Illinois                     | circa 1927      |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Tern<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Inscription to Josephine Schlenk and Sophie Schlenk<br>Photograph by Paul Stine Raymor, Chicago, Illinois                     | circa 1927      |
|             | Group Photographs  | circa 1927-1930 |

Group Photographs (continued)

|             |   |                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| b. 1, f. 18 | Interior group portraits of the cast of <i>Gay Paree</i><br><i>2 Photographic Prints</i><br>Taken in Bob Berger's, a restaurant located at 256 Tremont Street, Boston,<br>Massachusetts, adjacent to the Metropolitan Theatre | 1928, Feb 28    |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Exterior portrait of four women, two men, and a dog<br><i>1 Photographic Print</i><br>Taken in Jackson, Michigan  | circa 1927-1930 |

## Series II: Printed Material, 1928

b. 1, f. 20

Broad Street Theatre and Shubert Theatre Combined Programme *Gay Paree*

1928, Feb 6

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## 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

Actors -- Portraits  
Dancers -- Pictorial works  
Dancers -- Portraits  
Entertainers -- Pictorial works  
Entertainers -- Portraits  
Theater -- New York (State) -- New York  
Theatrical companies -- Pictorial works

### Genres / Formats

Photographic prints  
Studio portraits

### Names

Allatin, James, b. 1905 -- Portraits  
Boulden, Alice -- Portraits  
Cornell, Irene -- Portraits  
Costello, Patsy -- Portraits  
Dowd, Dulcy -- Portraits  
Pinkus, Bobby, b. 1908 -- Portraits  
Rennie, James, 1890-1965 -- Portraits  
Sale, Charles, 1885-1936 -- Portraits  
Schlenk, Josephine, 1908- -- Portraits  
Schlenk, Sophie, 1910- -- Portraits  
Shubert, Jacob J., 1878?-1963 -- Portraits  
Skelton, Red, 1913-1997 -- Portraits  
Titus, Eric -- Portraits  
Ward, Lillian -- Portraits  
Weimar, Lorraine -- Portraits

### Contributors

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