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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 1012

CREATOR: Gold, Arthur

TITLE: Arthur Gold and Robert Fizdale papers

DATES: 1954-1991

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.88 linear feet (5 boxes) + 1 broadside folder

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists chiefly of correspondence to the piano duo Arthur Gold and Robert Fizdale. Correspondence, dating from the mid 1950s to the end of their professional career in the early-mid 1980s, includes large files for Fizdale's family and their mutual friend Harold Talbott, as well as small files for writers, artists and performers, cultural figures and philanthropists, and others. Correspondents include: Brooke Astor, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Elizabeth Bishop, Eleanor Clark, Alice Esty, Sir John Gielgud, Peggy Guggenheim, Fairfield Porter, Jeremy Robbins, and Dorothea Tanning. Other papers include manuscript material, photographs, printed ephemera, and material relating to the couple's book on Sarah Bernhardt.

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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

Purchased from Serendipity Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2001.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization, at or around the time of receipt by the library. The finding aid for this collection was originally compiled from a preliminary list created at or around the time of receipt by the library. The preliminary list was migrated to comply with current archival descriptive standards in 2007-2008. As part of the migration, modifications were made to the formatting of the list; however, the content of the list was neither modified nor verified.

In October 2013, the following revisions were made to the organization of the material and to the finding aid: first, two series were identified and created by moving non-correspondence into Series II. Other Papers; second, correspondents identifiable by their first name only were shifted from the alphabetized run of correspondents in Series I. to the end of the series; and third, updates were made to dates to conform to current conventions.

Former call numer: Uncat MSS 151.

Arthur Gold (1917-1990) and Robert Fizdale (1920-1995)

Arthur Gold and Robert Fizdale met while studying with Rosina Lhévinne and Ernest Hutcheson respectively at Juilliard. In 1944 the pianists formed a duo that survived until their retirement in 1982. They made their debut at the New School for Social Research in 1944 in a recital of music by John Cage and their reputations in the standard repertory were established with a Town Hall recital in 1946. Gold and Fizdale revived the Mendelssohn 2-piano concertos and expanded the repertory by commissioning works from Milhaud, Poulenc, Rieti, Berio, and other composers. Arthur Gold was born 6 February 1917 in Toronto and died 3 January 1990 in New York City. Robert Fizdale was born 12 April 1920 in Chicago and died 6 December 1995 in New York City.

Biographical information taken from *Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music* (1996): 271, 319.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists chiefly of correspondence to the piano duo Arthur Gold and Robert Fizdale. Correspondence, dating from the mid 1950s to the early-mid 1980s, roughly the end of their professional career, includes large files for Fizdale's family and their mutual friend Harold Talbott, as well as small files for writers, artists and performers, cultural figures and philanthropists, and others. Correspondents include: Brooke Astor, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Elizabeth Bishop, Eleanor Clark, Alice Esty, Sir John Gielgud, Peggy Guggenheim, Robert F. Kennedy, Fairfield Porter, Jerome Robbins, and Dorothea Tanning. Other

papers include manuscript material, photographs, printed ephemera, and material relating to the duo's book on Sarah Bernhardt.

Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1954-1984. Series II. Other Papers, 1970-1991.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1954-1984

1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

Series I. correspondence contains large files of correspondence for Fizdale's family and their mutual friend Harold Talbott, as well as small files for writers, artists and performers, cultural figures and philanthropists, and others. Correspondents include: Brooke Astor, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Elizabeth Bishop, Eleanor Clark, Alice Esty, Sir John Gielgud, Peggy Guggenheim, Robert F. Kennedy, Fairfield Porter, Jerome Robbins, and Dorothea Tanning.

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Angleton, Carmen	1963-1983, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Astor, Brooke	n.y. February 17
b. 1, f. 3	Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh)	1962 February 21
b. 1, f. 4	Azzam, Issam	1970-1972, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Baryshnikov, Mikhail	1980 January 30
b. 1, f. 6	Begley, Auka; Begley, Louis Includes film negatives	1983, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Bellas, Kay Mazzo	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Berman, Eugene	1954-1969, undated1
b. 1, f. 9	Bernac, Pierre	1979, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Bernier, Olivier	1983, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Bishop, Elizabeth	1969-1970, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Blaine, Nell	[1962?]-1980
b. 1, f. 13	Blake, Chris Includes clipping	undated
b. 1, f. 14	Boleyn, Eleanor	1981 January 17
b. 1, f. 15-16	Borreau, Annette	1978-1984, undated
b. 1, f. 17	Bouchonnet, N. D. Includes photograph	1956
b. 1, f. 18	Boxer, Arabella	1972 October 9

b. 1, f. 19	Brante, S. [Marina?] de Includes photographs	1984
b. 1, f. 20	Brunhoff, Marie-Claude de	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Bruno, Michelle	1980, undated
b. 1, f. 22	Burckhardt, Rudy	1956
b. 1, f. 23	Cahen-Salvador, Gilbert; Cahen-Salvador, Jean	1980 February 11
b. 1, f. 24	Campbell, Virginia	1958-1971, undated
b. 1, f. 25	Carmichael, Bessie	1971-1972
b. 1, f. 26	Chambers, Lucille	1955-1956
b. 1, f. 27	Chapon, François	1980 April 30
b. 1, f. 28	Chatwin, Bruce	1981, undated
b. 1, f. 29	Clark, Eleanor	1980 May 13
b. 1, f. 30	Cowles, Chandler	1972 November 20
b. 1, f. 31	Craft, Robert	1980, 1982
b. 1, f. 32	Croisset, Ethel de	1980, 1982
b. 1, f. 33	Dernis, Colette	1981 November 30
b. 1, f. 34	Di Modrone, Verde Visconti	1983 April
b. 1, f. 35	Doll, Eugenia	undated
b. 1, f. 36	Douglas, Jean; Douglas, Gordon	undated
b. 1, f. 37	Drogheda, Joan	1980 August 28
b. 1, f. 38	d'Erlanger, Margaret	1970 October 10
b. 1, f. 39	Esty, Alice	1965 November 1
b. 1, f. 40	Faure, Genevieve	1980 October 6
b. 1, f. 41-46	Fizdale family	1954-1972, undated
b. 2, f. 47	Gielgud, John	1983 January 21
b. 2, f. 48	Givenchy, Hubert de	1980 February 12
b. 2, f. 49	Gnoli, Annie	1970

b. 2, f. 50	Grant, Margaret Includes photographs	1970
b. 2, f. 51	Gregory, Alexis	1963-1984, undated
b. 2, f. 52	Gruen, John	1959-1984, undated
b. 2, f. 53	Guggenheim, Peggy	1971 July 19
b. 2, f. 54	Hale, Sheila; Hale, John	1970-1971, undated
b. 2, f. 55	Haught, Enid A.	1980 February 19
b. 2, f. 56	Haye, Claire	1980-1981
b. 2, f. 57	Hempstead, Eleanor	n.y. January 26
b. 2, f. 58	Hirzel, Pauline Mills	1958-1982
b. 2, f. 59	Hughes, Liam	1982 June 26
b. 2, f. 60	Hume, Ruth; Hume, Paul	1962, 1980
b. 2, f. 61	[Kellmen?], Chester	undated
b. 2, f. 62	Kennedy, Robert F.	1965 February 2
b. 2, f. 63	Kimball, Florence Page	1962, undated
b. 2, f. 64	Kirstein, Lincoln	1980, 1983
b. 2, f. 65	Kissinger, Nancy	1982
b. 2, f. 66	Koegler, Horst	1956 August 7
b. 2, f. 67	Lambiotte, Auguste; Lambiotte, Rose	1964, undated
b. 2, f. 68	Lassalle, Nancy	1983, undated
b. 2, f. 69	Leach, Richard P.	1962 October 2
b. 2, f. 70	Le Brocquy, Louis	1983 October 24
b. 2, f. 71	Legendre, Michel	1968 May 15
b. 2, f. 72	Lepercq, Dave	1982, undated
b. 2, f. 73	McCall Publishing Company	1970 June 26
b. 2, f. 74	MacLeish, Ada; MacLeish, Archibald	1965 January 11
b. 2, f. 75	Magriel, Paul	1980, 1983
b. 2, f. 76	Malanovitzky, Paul; Malanovitzky, Barbara	1962-1965
b. 2, f. 77	Mann, Claire	n.y. March 12

b. 2, f. 78	Marandel, J. P.	1980 February 10
b. 2, f. 79	Mason, Marsha	1984 May 7
b. 2, f. 80	Mathews, Mary	1980 January 17
b. 2, f. 81	Matisse, Pierre; Matisse, [Gaetana]	1981 April 30
b. 2, f. 82	Maynard, Mrs. Walter	1979 October 24
b. 2, f. 83	[Merrill?], James	1956-1982
b. 2, f. 84	Milhaud, Madeleine	1981 September 7
b. 2, f. 85	Moore, John	1980 October 7
b. 2, f. 86	Murdock, William Gordon; Peschka, Francis J. Includes watercolor and printed material	1958-1981, undated
b. 2, f. 87	Osborn, Robert	1962 October 1
b. 2, f. 88	Paley, William S.	1980, undated
b. 2, f. 89	Paulvé, Dominique	1980 February 10
b. 2, f. 90	Pecci Blunt, Anna Laetitia	1964 May 31
b. 2, f. 91	Pezzoni, Enrique	1971-1980
b. 2, f. 92	Porter, Fairfield	1956 August 4
b. 2, f. 93	Radziwill, Lee	1983-1984, undated
b. 2, f. 94	Rehr, Helen	1959, 1981
b. 2, f. 95	Robbins, Jerome	1973-1982, undated
b. 2, f. 96	Roberts, Isabel	1959-1982, undated
b. 2, f. 97	Rockefeller, Mary C.	n.y. November 9
b. 2, f. 98	[Rothschild?], Liliane de	1982-1983, undated
b. 2, f. 99	Rubin de Cervin, Marie-Teresa	1972-1983
b. 2, f. 100	Satie, Joseph Lafosse	1980 October 15
b. 2, f. 101	Schimmel, Herbert	undated
b. 2, f. 102	Schippers, Thomas	1970, undated
b. 2, f. 103	Schuman, William	1962 October 11

b. 2, f. 104	Seaver, Jeannette S. M.	n.y. September 30
b. 2, f. 105	Sellerio, Enzo	1958-1960
b. 2, f. 106	Shaw, R.	1971
b. 2, f. 107	Souzay, Gérard	1964 May 27
b. 2, f. 108	Spender, Stephen	1971 July 16
b. 2, f. 109	Steinberg, William	1970 January 19
b. 2, f. 110	Stravinsky, Soulima	n.y. February 5
b. 2, f. 111	Strickland, P. Roy	1980 September 29
b. 3, f. 112-126	Talbott, Harold	1965-1984, undated
b. 4, f. 127	Tanning, Dorothea	1963-1983, undated
b. 4, f. 128	Thomson, Virgil	1980 March 29
b. 4, f. 129-131	Torricini, Angelo	1966-1983, undated
b. 4, f. 132	Torricini, Claude	1956-1980, undated
b. 4, f. 133	Tully, Alice	1973 March
b. 4, f. 134	Vanderbilt, Jean; Vanderbilt, Alfred	1966-1970, undated
b. 4, f. 135	Vreeland, Diana	1980, undated
b. 4, f. 136	White, Robert	1971 June 11
b. 4, f. 137	Wilson, Edmund	1965 January 14
b. 4, f. 138	Worth, Irene	1980-1981
b. 4, f. 139-141	First name only	1956-1984, undated
b. 4, f. 142	Others and unidentified	1956-1983, undated
b. 4, f. 143-145	Fan mail	1980-1983, undated
b. 4, f. 146	Empty envelopes	1962, 1967

Series II: Other Papers, 1970-1991*0.21 linear feet (1 box) + 1 broadside folder*

Series II. Other Papers contains manuscript material, photographs, printed ephemera, and material relating to the pianists' book on Sarah Bernhardt.

Arranged alphabetically by material type.

b. 5, f. 147	Last will and testament of Arthur Gold	undated
b. 5, f. 148	Manuscript material	undated
b. 5, f. 149	Misia lecture, typescript, corrected	undated
b. 5, f. 150	Photographs	1970-1981, undated
b. 5, f. 151	Printed ephemera	1973-1983, undated
b. 5, f. 152	Sarah Bernhardt material Also stored in: 6 (Broadside)	1991, undated
b. 6 (Broadside), f. 153	Sarah Bernhardt material	undated

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

Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
LGBTQ resource
Pianists -- United States -- Archives

Genres / Formats

Photographic prints

Names

Astor, Brooke
Baryshnikov, Mikhail, 1948-
Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923
Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979
Clark, Eleanor, 1913-1996
Esty, Alice, 1904-2000
Fizdale, Robert
Gielgud, John, 1904-2000
Gold, Arthur
Guggenheim, Peggy, 1898-1979
Porter, Fairfield, 1907-1975
Robbins, Jerome, 1918-1998
Talbot, Harold
Tanning, Dorothea, 1910-2012

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