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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Benois, Alexandre, 1870-1960
<b>Creator:</b>	Chekhov, Mikhail Pavlovich, 1865-1936
<b>Creator:</b>	Komisarjevsky, Theodore, 1882-1954
<b>Creator:</b>	Lukomskii, G. K. (Georgii Kreskent'evich), 1884-1952
<b>Creator:</b>	Medtner, Nikolay Karlovich, 1880-1951
<b>Creator:</b>	Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899-1977
<b>Creator:</b>	Tolstoy, Alexandra, 1884-1979
<b>Creator:</b>	Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich, 1870-1953
<b>Creator:</b>	Fokine, Michel, 1880-1942
<b>Creator:</b>	Guthrie, Tyrone, 1900-1971
<b>Creator:</b>	Koussevitzky, Serge, 1874-1951
<b>Title:</b>	Mstislav Valerianovich Dobuzhinskii Papers
<b>ID:</b>	4077467
<b>ID:</b>	BAR Ms Coll/Dobuzhinskii.
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1910-1957
<b>Physical Description:</b>	10000 items 29 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Russian .

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## Biographical sketch

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Painter and stage designer.

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## Scope and Content

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The papers consist of correspondence, manuscripts, documents, original art works, bibliographic notes and material on exhibitions. There are letters from Aleksandr Benois, Mikhail Chekhov, Fedor Komissarzhevskii, Georgii Lukomskii, Nikolaï Medtner, Vladimir Nabokov and Aleksandra Tolstaïa, and one letter each from Ivan Bunin, Mikhail Fokin, Tyrone Guthrie, Sok Hurok and Serge Kusevitskii. The manuscripts include essays by Dobuzhinskii on such topics as the Mir Iskusstva group, Pushkin's illustrations, Aleksandr Blok, Kuznïa Petrov-Vodkin and Jos'e-Maria Sert. There are original art works (pen and ink, goache, etc.) relating to his artistic and theatrical productions. Also included are photographs of Russian scenes, apparently from before World War I.

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## Arrangement

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Collection is arranged into six series.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Papers: Method of acquisition--Purchase; Date of acquisition--1958.

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Papers Accessioned 1958.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Emigration and immigration -- Soviet Union -- 20th century
- Emigration and immigration -- France -- 20th century
- Emigration and immigration -- United States -- 20th century
- Ballet -- Stage-setting and scenery
- Theater -- Stage-setting and scenery
- Art -- Soviet Union
- Essays
- Illustrations
- Letters (correspondence)
- Notes (documents)

- Photographic prints
- Hurok, Sol, 1888-1974 -- Letter
- Pushkin, Aleksandr Sergeevich, 1799-1837
- Blok, Aleksandr Aleksandrovich, 1880-1921
- Petrov-Vodkin, Kuz'ma Sergeevich, 1878-1939
- José Luis Sert, 1902-1983

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Aldanov, Mark Aleksandrovich	box 1
Beaumont, Cyril William	box 1
Benois, Aleksandr Nikolaevich	box 1
Berberova, Nina Nikolaevna	box 1
Bertenson, Sergei	box 1
Bouchene, Dmitrii	box 1
Buckle, Richard	box 1
Bunin, Ivan Alekseevich	box 1
Chekhov, Mikhail Aleksandrovich	box 1
Cherkesov, Iurii Iur'evich	box 1
Cuevas, George, Marquis de	box 1
Denham, Sergei	box 1
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich	box 1
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Gul1, Roman Borisovich	box 1
Guthrie, Tyrone	box 1
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Komissarzhevskii, Fedor Fedorovich	box 2
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Lukomskii, Georgii Kreskent'evich	box 2

Makovskii, Sergei Konstantinovich	box 2
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Millioti, Nikolai Dmitrievich	box 3
Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich	box 3
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Panina, Sofiia Vladimirovna	box 3
Remizov, Nikolai Vladimirovich	box 3
Rice, Tamara Talbot	box 3
Rodker, John	box 3
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Rostovtsev, Mikhail Ivanovich	box 3
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## Series II: Cataloged Manuscripts

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Cherkesov, Iurii Iur'evich, "Tri vstrechi s Borisom Grigor'evym" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "A. A. Ziloti" (essay)	box 4

Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "A. A. Zhilinskii" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Beseda s Mstislavom Valer'ianovichem Dobuzhinskim" (transcript of Radio Liberty interview)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "I. I. Zharnovskii" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "istorizm v iskusstve" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, C"Mikhail Chekhov"U (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Mir Iskusstva" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Mstislav Dobujinsky" (autobiographical sketch)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Newport" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Novgorod" (essay)	box 4
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Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "O risunkakh Pushkina" (essay with illustrations)	box 4
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Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Oblik Peterburga" (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, [Pamiati khudozhnika Iu. Iu. Cherksova] (essay)	box 4
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Peterburg i ego otrazheniia v iskusstve" (essay)	box 5
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Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Sankt-Peterburg i Moskva v russkoi kul'ture" (essay)	box 5
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Sert" (essay)	box 5
Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Skazka pro stul" (essay)	box 5



Dobuzhinskii, Mstislav Valerianovich, "Spisok risunkov Pushkina" (essay)	box 5
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