



ArchivesSpace

a community served by †Lyrasis

Frederick Zimmermann papers 4079519

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on January 13, 2025.
Description is written in: English.

Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Butler Library, 6th Floor
Columbia University, Mail Code 1127
535 W. 114th St.
New York, NY 10027
Business Number: (212) 854-5153
Fax Number: (212) 854-1365
rbml@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
URL: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/rbml/index.html>

Table of Contents

| | |
|--|---|
| Summary Information | 3 |
| Biographical / Historical | 3 |
| Summary | 4 |
| Arrangement | 4 |
| Administrative Information | 4 |
| Controlled Access Headings | 5 |
| Collection Inventory | 6 |
| Series I: Cataloged Correspondence | 6 |
| Series II: Clippings, Photographs and Printed Material | 7 |

Summary Information

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Repository: | Rare Book and Manuscript Library |
| Creator: | Zimmermann, Frederick, 1906-1967 |
| Title: | Frederick Zimmermann papers |
| ID: | 4079519 |
| ID: | MS#1410 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1933-1959 |
| Physical Description: | 0.48 linear feet 1 box |
| Language of the Material: | English . |

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Frederick Zimmermann papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical / Historical

Frederick Zimmermann (1906-1967) was born on May 18, 1906 in New York City. He played double bass in the New York Philharmonic from 1930-1966 serving as its principle player for much of his tenure. Zimmerman studied with Herman Reinshagen and succeeded him on the faculty of the Julliard School in 1935. Zimmermann also taught at the Mannes College of Music Columbia University the Manhattan School of Music and New York University. Zimmermann made notable contributions to the literature of his instrument transcribing music from the 14th through 20th centuries. In 1966 he published A contemporary concept of bowing technique for the double bass.

In addition to music Zimmerman was active in the visual arts he studied painting with George Grosz at the Art Students' League had three one-man shows and often lectured on modern German painters.

Zimmermann married his wife Dorothy in 1931. They had one son Edwin. Zimmermann died at the age of 61 on August 3 1967 while visiting Ohlstadt Germany.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Summary

A collection of letters written to Zimmermann. Most of the letters relate to a group of German artists called "Der Blaue Reiter" ("The Blue Rider"). Zimmermann assisted in the planning for the exhibition of the group, held at the Curt Valentin Gallery, December 7, 1954-January 8, 1955, and much of the correspondence relates to the exhibition. Included are letters from Albert Bloch, David Burliuk, Mrs. Nina Kandinsky, Paul Klee, and Gabriele Münter. Also, important files of correspondence from John B. Flamagan and George Grosz.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

Arranged in two series.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Butler Library, 6th Floor
Columbia University, Mail Code 1127
535 W. 114th St.
New York, NY 10027

Business Number: (212) 854-5153

Fax Number: (212) 854-1365

rbml@libraries.cul.columbia.edu

URL: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/rbml/index.html>

Revision Description

Legacy finding aid created from Pro Cite. EAD was imported spring 2019 as part of the ArchivesSpace Phase II migration. 2010-04-05 2019-05-20

Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Reproductions may be made for research purposes. The RBML maintains ownership of the physical material only. Copyright remains with the creator and his/her heirs. The responsibility to secure copyright permission rests with the patron.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Zimmermann, Mrs. Frederick. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1975. Accession number--M-75.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 09/--/89.

Processed by Kenneth A. Lohf.

Finding Aid Prepared by William Stingone, January 2001.

Accrual

No accruals are expected

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- Blaue Reiter (Group of artists)
- Expressionism (Art)
- Artists -- Germany
- Art -- Exhibitions
- Bloch, Albert

- Burlīuk, David, 1882-1967
- Kandinsky, Nina
- Klee, Paul, 1879-1940
- Münter, Gabriele, 1877-1962
- Flamagan, John Bernard, 1895?-1942
- Grosz, George, 1893-1959
- Curt Valentin Gallery (New York, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

| Series I: Cataloged Correspondence | box 1 |
|--|-----------|
| Title/Description | Instances |
| <p>Bloch, Albert To Frederick Zimmermann, Lawrence, Kansas, 3 Nov 1954-21 June 1957</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 4 (a.l.s.), 1 (a.n.s.), 1 (a.p.c.s.)</p> | |
| <p>Bloch, Anna Francis To Frederick Zimmermann, Lawrence, Kansas, 22 Nov-16 Dec 1954</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 3 (t.l.s.)</p> | |
| <p>Burliuk, David and Mary To Curt Valentine Gallery, Brandenton, Florida, 27 Dec 1954</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 1 (a.p.c.s.)</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>[A painting by Burliuk is on the verso of the card.]</p> | |
| <p>Capendonk, Heinrich To Mrs. Quappi Beckmann, Amsterdam, 29 Oct 7 Nov 1954</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 2 (a.l.s.)</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>[With related correspondence from Mrs. Beckmann.]</p> | |
| <p>Flannagan, John B. To Curt Valentin, Boston and New York, Jan-Sept 1941</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 3 (t.l.s.), 6 (a.l.s.), 1 (a.p.c.s.)</p> | |
| <p>Flannagan, John B. Attribution to Curt Valentin of the right of reproduction of his works of sculpture, New York, 11 June 1941</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 1 (t.d.s.)</p> | |
| <p>Grosz, Eva To Dorothy and Frederick Zimmermann, Douglaston, New York and Berlin, 1946 1947 1960</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 2 (a.l.s.), 1 (p.l.)</p> | |

Grosz, George To Frederick Zimmermann, New York, Douglaston, and Huntington, NY; Cape Cod, Wellfleet, and South Yarmouth, MA; Berlin, ca.1933 1941-149 1953 1956 1959

Physical Description: 12 (a.l.s.), 5 (a.n.s.), 3 (t.l.s.), 3 (a.p.c.s.), 1 (t.p.c.s.), 2 (p.l.)

Kandinsky, Nina To Curt Valentin Gallery, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, 17 Feb 1955

Physical Description: 1 (t.l.s.)

Klee, Paul To Curt Valentin, Bern, 1 Jan 1940

Physical Description: 1 (a.l.s.)

Klee, Paul To [Charles Frederic?] Weller, Bern, 25 Aug 1939

Physical Description: 1 (a.l.s.)

Mann, Thomas Dinner Menu, Lake Mohonk House, Lake Mohonk, NY, 19 June 1945

Physical Description: 1 (p.d.s.)

Münter, Gabriele To Frederick Zimmermann, Murnau, Germany, 1954-1955 1957-1959

Physical Description: 7 (a.l.s.), 5 (a.p.c.s.)

Pasternak, Boris To Frederick Zimmermann, Moscow, 9 Sept 1959

Physical Description: 1 (a.n.s.)

Valentin, Curt To Dorothy and Frederick Zimmermann, Forte dei Marmi, Italy, 2 Aug 1954

Physical Description: 1 (a.p.c.s.)

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

| Series II: Clippings, Photographs and Printed Material | box 1 |
|--|-----------|
| Title/Description | Instances |
| Curt Valentin Gallery Der Blaue Reiter Exhibition Catalog and related material, New York, 1954-1955 <u>Physical Description</u> : 16 (pieces) | |
| Flannagan, John B. Re his sculpture <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 (photographs), 1 (clipping) | |
| Grosz, George Miscellaneous catalogues and clippings <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 (pieces) | |
| Münter, Gabriele Catalogs, clippings, and reproductions of her work | |

Physical Description: 4 (pieces)

Zimmermann, Frederick Correspondence and manuscript notes re "Blaue Reiter" exhibition, New York, 1954-1955

Physical Description: 12 (pieces)

Lehmbruck, Wilhelm Photograph of Lehmbruck in his studio, Germany, ca.1918

Valentin, Curt Clippings, tributes, obituaries

Physical Description: 13 (pieces)

Valentin, Curt Photograph of Valentin

Valentin, Curt Photographs of Valetin's apartment, ca. Aug 1954

Physical Description: 7 (photographs)

Valentin, Curt, and Marino and Marina Marini Photographs, Forte dei Marmi, ca. Aug 1954

Physical Description: 3 (photographs)

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)