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Summary	Information
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Abstract:	This collection contains puppets, masks, and set models from the collection of the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum and Library.

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Dramatic Museum Realia. Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Brander Matthews (1852-1929) first began collecting puppets in 1867 at the age of sixteen, when on his first trip to France he bought a set of eleven Guignol hand puppets with wooden heads. His puppet collection, along with the various stage models and masks he had collected over the years, eventually became part of the Dramatic Museum, which opened in 1911.

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Biographical / Historical

After Matthew's death, the Museum's curators continued to expand the collections, and created an inventory of the puppets and masks in the 1960s.

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Biographical / Historical

When the museum was dissolved in 1971, the puppets and masks were transferred first to the Art Properties Department, and then to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library in 1981 & 1983, where they remain. The set models were first on long-term loan to Barnard, and then most were for many years on display in Dodge Hall; they were transferred to Art Properties in 1996, then to RBML in 2001. Many pieces included in the Museum's 1960s inventories are no longer in the collection. Only the remaining items are described in this finding aid.

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Summary

This collection contains 391 puppets, 128 masks, and 30 stage models.

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Summary

This collection now contains 391 objects; mostly puppets, including marionettes, hand puppets, rod puppets, pantins, and shadow puppets, but also a number of figurines, dolls and dioramas, and three textiles. It appears that non-puppet three-dimensional objects were included in the puppet series before 1971. The puppets were assigned identification numbers during a cataloging project in the 1960s. All puppet identification numbers higher than P69 were assigned in 2009.

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Summary

The earliest acquisitions were gifts of Brander Matthews. The most recent acquisitions, and also the collection's newest items, are three beggar figurines made by Russian émigrés living in Iran during WWII. They were the gift of Majorie Windust Halper in 1989.

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Summary

What began as a collection of English, French and Italian puppets gradually became a collection of considerable breadth, with puppets from Burma, China, India, the United States, Thailand, Turkey, Java, Japan, and Mexico, among other countries. The oldest puppets are two 18th century French marionettes of Joseph and one of the Magi. Highlights of the collection include two eight-foot tall puppets designed by Robert Edmond Jones and constructed by American theatre pioneer Remo Bufano for the Metropolitan Opera's 1931 production of Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex".

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Summary

This collection now contains 128 masks, mask molds, wigs, and plaster mask reproductions. The oldest mask in the collection is an 18th century Javanese dance mask. A gift from Prof. and Mrs. Samuel and Natasha Shterenzon Eilenberg in 1963, the mask is also the most recent acquisition. The newest masks in the collection were made in 1955 for an American production of Lysistrata. The collection includes items from Japan, Italy, Java, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, India, and the United States. It is particularly abundant in Japanese, Mexican, and American masks.

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Summary

This collection contains 30 models, both models of historic theatres and set designs for specific productions. The models were acquired between 1911 and the 1960s. The set designs were largely the gifts of the various people involved with productions, from set designers to producers, and were acquired fairly consistently throughout the museum's existence. The theatre models, on the other hand, were either gifts of Brander Matthews and other Dramatic Museum patrons or directly commissioned by the Museum, and were planned to display the full history of the theater when taken together. Global breadth appears to have been the goal of the BMDM's curators, who were desirous of adding a Spanish theatre model to the collection.

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Summary

A broad rather than deep collection, it nevertheless has concentrations of French, English, American, and Japanese models. The earliest model, depicting a production of Leah Kleschna at the Manhattan Theatre in New York, was built in 1904. The latest models, both set designs, were built in 1966 for Japanese productions.

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Summary

The several Joseph Urban set models which the BMDM had collected to illustrate various parts of that influential man's career were added to the over 300 set models in the Joseph Urban Papers when his widow presented them to the Museum in 1955, and are described in the Urban finding aid.

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Summary

The numbering is that used in Donald Pace's "Catalogue of the Brander Matthews Collection of Theatre Models" (New York: Barnard College, 1973).

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series.

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

Some of the items are fragile and their use may be restricted. The larger items (models and some puppets) can only be seen by appointment. These restrictions are included in the descriptions of the individual items, below.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum via Art Properties. Method of acquisition--Transfer; Date of acquisition--1971.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

P89.01, P89.02, and P89.03:: Method of acquisition--Gift of Marjorie Windust Halper; Date of acquisition--1989.

Processing Information

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Processing Information

Puppet and mask descriptions are based primarily on the card catalogs prepared by the BMDM in the 1960s; the model descriptions are based primarily on Donald Pace's Catalogue of the Brander Matthews Collection of Theatre Models (New York: Barnard College, 1973).

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Material-- at Columbia

Dramatic Museum Ephemera Columbia University Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Related Material-- at Columbia

The Dramatic Museum Ephemera Colelction contains posters, playbills, programs, subject files and portraits once part of the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum.

Related Material-- at Columbia

<u>Dramatic Library Manuscript Collection 1864-1911</u> Columbia University Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Related Material-- at Columbia

Dramatic Library Manuscript Collection 1864-1911 contains a collection of letters and manuscripts that formed part of the collection of the Dramatic Museum

Related Material-- at Columbia

<u>Columbia University Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum Collection</u> Columbia Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Related Material-- at Columbia

These are the records of the Dramatic Museum itself, and contain much information on the acquisition of the Realia.

Related Material-- at Columbia

Joseph Urban Papers, 1893-1998 Columbia University Rare Book & Manuscript Library

Related Material-- at Columbia

The Joseph Urban Papers, which were originally acquired by the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum and are now held by RBML, contain a large number of set models created by Urban's studio.

Related Material-- at Columbia

Other materials from the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum are in the Office of Art Properties (art objects such as puppets and masks); Barnard's Minor Latham Theatre (stage and theater models); Barnard Library (phonograph records - 33 1/3 rpm); and the Music Library (music phonograph records).

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Dioramas
- Dolls (figurines)
- Figurines
- Hand puppets
- Historical models
- Marionettes (stringed puppets)
- Masks (costume)
- Pantins
- Puppets (recreational artifacts)
- Rod puppets
- Shadow puppets
- Textiles (visual works)
- Jones, Robert Edmond, 1887-1954
- Bufano, Remo
- Matthews, Brander, 1852-1929

Collection Inventory

Series I: Puppets

Scope and Contents

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Subseries I.1: Burma

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<u>Suberres I.1. Durma</u>		
Title/Description	Instances	
P20 Accession		
Burmese marionette of male with white face and red robe	box 1	
Burmese marionette of male with white face and sand- colored robe	box 1	
Burmese marionette of male with flesh-colored face	box 1	
Horse marionette	box 38	
Subseries I.2: China Subseries I.2: China		
Title/Description	Instances	
P14 Accession		
Chinese Shadow puppet Digital Object: Chinese Shadow Puppet	box 26	item P14.01
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.02
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.03
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.04
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.05
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.06
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.07
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.08

Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet

Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.09
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.10
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
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Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
Chinese Shadow puppet	box 26	item P14.12
Digital Object: Chinese Shadow puppet		
P15 Accession		
Scope and Contents		
Acquired by John Mulholland, 1926.		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face	box 3	
Digital Object: Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face	box 3	
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Chinese jigging puppet of male with</u> <u>pink face</u>		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face	box 3	
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Chinese jigging puppet of male with</u> <u>pink face</u>		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink-white face	box 3	
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Chinese jigging puppet of male with</u> <u>pink-white face</u>		
Chinese jigging puppet of female with white face	box 3	
Digital Object: Chinese jigging puppet of female with white face		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with white face	box 3	
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Chinese jigging puppet of male with</u> <u>white face</u>		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face	box 3	
Digital Object: Chinese jigging puppet of male with pink face		
Chinese jigging puppet of male with stylized makeup	box 3	
Digital Object: Chinese jigging puppet of male with stylized makeup		

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Chinese female Figurine with red robe and white, painted face	
Digital Object: Chinese female Figurine with red robe and white, painted face	
Chinese Figurine, missing head, with purple robe	box 35
Digital Object: Chinese Figurine, missing head, with purple robe	
Chinese female Figurine with green robe and white, painted face	box 35
Digital Object: Chinese female Figurine with green robe and white, painted face	
Chinese female Figurines with long, red dress and elaborate headdress	box 35
Digital Object: Chinese female Figurines with long, red dress and elaborate headdress	
Chinese Figurine, missing head, with long, red dress	box 36
Digital Object: Chinese Figurine, missing head, with long, red dress	
Chinese female Figurine with long, red dress and white, painted face	box 36
Digital Object: Chinese female Figurine with long, red dress and white, painted face	
Chinese male Figurine with orange robe and long mustache	box 36
Digital Object: Chinese male Figurine with orange robe and long mustache	
Chinese male Figurine with long, green robe	box 36
Digital Object: Chinese male Figurine with long, green robe	
Chinese male Figurine, missing head, in gray robe over red robe	box 37
Digital Object: Chinese male Figurine, missing head, in gray robe over red robe	
Chinese male Figurine, bald and in light green robe	box 37
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Chinese male Figurine, bald and in</u> <u>light green robe</u>	
Masked Chinese male Figurine with headdress and striped pants	box 37
Digital Object: Masked Chinese male Figurine with headdress and striped pants	
Masked Chinese male Figurine with long beard and	box 37

Digital Object: Masked Chinese male Figurine with long beard and striped pants

Crown for Chinese Figurine	box 35
Digital Object: Crown for Chinese Figurine	
Crown for Chinese Figurine	box 35
Digital Object: Crown for Chinese Figurine	
Crown for Chinese Figurine	box 35
Digital Object: Crown for Chinese Figurine	
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Digital Object: Crown for Chinese Figurine	
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Digital Object: Man's head from a Chinese figurine	
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Digital Object: Woman's head from a Chinese figurine	
Woman's head from a Chinese figurine	box 35
Digital Object: Woman's head from a Chinese figurine	
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Female Peking Opera figurine in black	box 39
Digital Object: Female Peking Opera figurine in black	
Male Peking Opera figurine with white, painted face and blue, striped pants	box 39
Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with white, painted face and blue, striped pants	
Male Peking Opera figurine in green robes and gold headdress	box 39
Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine in green robes and gold headdress	
Female Peking Opera figurine in pink and blue with elaborate headdress	box 39
Digital Object: Female Peking Opera figurine in pink and blue with elaborate headdress	
Male Peking Opera figurine with long ponytail	box 39
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Male Peking Opera figurine with long</u> <u>ponytail</u>	
Male Peking Opera figurine with staff and yellow and	box 39

Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with staff and yellow and green hat	
Male Peking Opera figurine in blue and white headress, fighting	box 39
Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine in blue and white headress, fighting	
Male Peking Opera figurine in black with silver staff	box 39
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Male Peking Opera figurine in black</u> with silver staff	
Male Peking Opera figurine with long heard, arm raised, fighting	box 39
Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with long heard, arm raised, fighting	
Male Peking Opera figurine with long beard and dark blue robe	box 39
Digital Object: <u>Male Peking Opera figurine with long</u> beard and dark blue robe	
Male Peking Opera figurine with painted face and very elaborate headress	box 39
Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with painted face and very elaborate headress	
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Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with orange and white face, gold hat	
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Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with with red face and green robe	
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Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with red, white, black face and gold headdress			
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Digital Object: Male Peking Opera figurine with blue headdress and green robe			
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<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Male Peking Opera figurine with long</u> beard in yellow and orange			
P57 Accession			
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Purchased by Dr. Wells from the Brooklyn Museum Gift Shop, May 1963. Include characters of the eight immortals ($7\sqrt{4}$).			
Han Chung-Li figurine 漢鍾離	box 8		
Digital Object: Han Chung-Li figurine			
Tsao Kuo-Shin figurine 曹國舅	box 8		
Digital Object: Tsao Kuo-Shin figurine			
Chang Kuo-Lao figurine 張果老	box 8		
Digital Object: Chang Kuo-Lao figurine			
Lu Tung-Pin figurine 呂洞賓	box 8		
Digital Object: Lu Tung-Pin figurine			
Li The-Kwai figurine 李鐵拐	box 8		
Digital Object: Li The-Kwai figurine			
Lan Tsai-Ho figurine 蓝采和	box 8		
Digital Object: Lan Tsai-Ho figurine			
Tsao Kuo-Shin figurine 曹國舅, duplicate of P57.2	box 8		
Digital Object: <u>Tsao Kuo-Shin figurine, duplicate of</u> <u>P57.2</u>			
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Miniature diorama	box 28	item P70.01	
Digital Object: Miniature diorama			
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<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Miniature diorama, scene from Legend</u> of the White Snake 白蛇传			

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Miniature diorama, scene from <i>Legend of the White Snake 白蛇传</i>	box 28	item P70.03
Digital Object: Miniature diorama, scene from Legend of the White Snake 白蛇传		
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Miniature diorama	box 28	item P70.04
Digital Object: Miniature diorama		
Miniature diorama, scene from Peking Opera <i>Nanyangguan</i> 南阳关	box 28	item P70.05
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Miniature diorama, scene from Peking</u> <u>Opera Nanyangguan 南阳关</u>		
Miniature diorama, scene from <i>Legend of the White</i> Snake 白蛇传	box 28	item P70.06
Digital Object: Miniature diorama, scene from Legend of the White Snake 白蛇传		
Scope and Contents		
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N*** pantin	box 24	
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Maid Marian pantin	box 24	
Lord Dundreary pantin	box 24	
	DUX 24	
Robin Hood pantin	box 24	
Robin Hood pantin The Magic N*** pantin		
	box 24	

Merry Andrew pantin	box 24
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P05 Accession	
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Dog marionette, 1870-1899	box 4
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Male hand puppet with missing tooth	box 10
Female hand puppet with kerchief and purple scarf	box 10
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Bearded male hand puppet with green scarf	box 10
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Male hand puppet with green cap	box 11
Green and orange devil hand puppet	

Green and orange devil hand puppet

	box 11
Male hand puppet in white vest with black bird print	box 12
Elderly male hand puppet with long nose, green cap, eyeglasses	box 11
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Elderly male hand puppet with long nose, green cap, eyeglasses	box 12
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male hand puppet with red and blue hat, protruding stomach	box 9
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Face for a hand puppet	box 15
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Face for a hand puppet	box 15
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Sailboat with sails attached shadow puppet

	box 18
Sailboat shadow puppet	box 18
Large boat with potholes and netting shadow puppet	box 18
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Series III: Stage Models

Scope and Contents

This collection contains over 30 models, both models of historic theatres and set designs for specific productions. The models were acquired between 1911 and the 1960s. The set designs were largely the gifts of the various people involved with productions, from set designers to producers, and were acquired fairly consistently throughout the museum's existence. The theatre models, on the other hand, were either gifts of Brander Matthews and other Dramatic Museum patrons or directly commissioned by the Museum, and were planned to display the full history of the theater when taken together. Global breadth appears to have been the goal of the BMDM's curators, who were desirous of adding a Spanish theatre model to the collection.

Scope and Contents

A broad rather than deep collection, it nevertheless has concentrations of French, English, American, and Japanese models. The earliest model, depicting a production of *Leah Kleschna* at the Manhattan Theatre in New York, was built in 1904. The latest models, both set designs, were built in 1966 for Japanese productions.

Scope and Contents

The several Joseph Urban set models which the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum had collected to illustrate various parts of that influential man's career were added to the over 300 set models in the Joseph Urban Papers when his widow presented them to the Museum in 1955, and are described in the Urban finding aid.

Scope and Contents

The numbering is that used in Donald Pace's *Catalogue of the Brander Matthews Collection of Theatre Models* (New York: Barnard College, 1973).

Conditions Governing Access:

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Many of the items are not accessible at this time. Those items that are selectable in the finding aid below can be served in the reading room, but patrons must use digital surrogates whenever possible.

Subseries III.1: Historical Models

Title/Description

Instances

Theater of Dionysus (Athens)

<u>Physical Description</u>: Plaster, Depth 53 1/2" x Width 43" x Height 22 1/2"

Digital Object: Theater of Dionysus (Athens)

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Digital only

Processing Information: Processing Information

Plaster model imaged in 2024 and discarded.

Model of the Roman Theatre in Orange, France built in the 2nd century CE (B01)

Creator: Devred, Leo

Scope and Contents

Model shows large auditorium, stage, and elaborate scaenae frons as they probably appeared during the time of the theatre's use until its closing in the fourth century. Exterior and interior shown in great detail. Scale is 1:100.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of a platform stage for the Valenciennes Mystery Play; France, 1547 (B02)

Creator: Duvignaud and Gabin

Scope and Contents

Model is based on frontispiece of the manuscript of the Valenciennes Mystery Play, illustrated by Hubert Cailleau. God's throne and Hell's mouth frame the large stage, with a number of 'stations' in between. Created by Duvignaud and Gabin under the direction of Marius Sepet. Scale is 3:100.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Patrons may view this item, located next to the RBML Donor's Room, by inquiring at the RBML front desk.

Model of an English medieval pageant wagon of the 14th century (B03)

Creator: Wickes, Joseph

Scope and Contents

Conjectural model of a pageant wagon, halted in town square for the Chester Play of*Noah*.Based on a 1911 production by Winthrop Ames at the New Theatre in New York. Created by Joseph Wickes under the direction of Hamilton Bell. Scale is 1:24.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of a platform stage in an English innyard of the 16th century (B04)

Creator: Wickes, Joseph

Scope and Contents

King's Players performing *The Nice Wanton* (1550) on a scaffold stage in a Tudor innyard. Based on a 1911 production by Winthrop Ames at the New Theatre in New York. Created by Joseph Wickes under the direction of Hamilton Bell. Scale is 1:24.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of the Fortune Theatre; London, 1600 (B06)

Creator: Maginnis, James P.

Digital Object: Fortune Theatre Model

Scope and Contents

The Fortune playhouse opened one year after the Globe. Created by James P. Maginnis under the direction of Walter H. Godfrey. Scale is 3:100.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patrons may view this item, located next to the RBML Donor's Room, by inquiring at the RBML front desk.

box B08

Model of a Renaissance theater setting of the early 16th century, based on Serlio (B07)

Creator: Wickes, Joseph

Scope and Contents

Model represents a combination of Serlio's comic and tragic settings, illustrating the use of forced perspective popular with Renaissance designers. Created by Joseph Wickes under the direction of Hamilton Bell.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of the setting for *La Folie de Clidamant* by Alexandre Hardy as seen at the Hotel de Bourgogne, Paris, ca. 1630 (B08)

Creator: Davignaud and Gabin

Digital Object: Model of the setting for La Folie de Clidamant by Alexandre Hardy as seen at the Hotel de Bourgogne, Paris, ca. 1630 (B08)

Scope and Contents

Shows the use of simultaneous settings at the Hotel de Bourgogne. With B11, shows differing methods of staging in 17th century French theatre. Based on sketch in *Le Memoire de Mahelot;* created by Davignaud and Gabin under the direction of Emile Perrin.

Model of the 17th century Theatre du Palais-Royal, Paris (B09-B10)

Scope and Contents

Small cross-sectional model of the interior of the first theatre in France with a permanent proscenium and a stage designed for wing and drop scenery. Theater opened 1641; Moliere's theatrical home 1660-73.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of the Salle des Machines, theater in the Tuilieries, box B11 Paris, in 1671 (B11)

Creator: Alfred Devred

Digital Object: Model of the Salle des Machines, theater in the Tuilieries, Paris, in 1671 (B11)

Scope and Contents

Represents a setting for *Psyche* by Moliere and Corneille, based upon a 1906 revival of the play at the Theatre Francaise. With B08, the model illustrates differing methods of staging in 17th century French theatre. La Salles de Machines was a large and extravagently-equipped theatre built by Gaspare Vigarani in a wing of the Tuileries.

Model of La Princesse d'Eliade: an outdoor theatre at Versailles, 1664 (B12)

Scope and Contents

Represents *Les Plaisirs de l'Isle Enchantee*, a ballet with text and choreography by Moliere, commissioned by Louis XIV. The spectacle was performed in May 1664 on a stage built especially for the occasion. Model based on an engraving by Israel Sylvestre.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of the Duke of York's Playhouse, London, 1661 (B13)

Creator: Holm, Klaus

Scope and Contents

Model shows the deep apron, proscenium doors, and wing and drop scenery typical of theatres during the Restoration. A converted indoor tennis court, the Duke's Playhouse opened in January 1661. Created by Klaus Holm from research by Dr. Elizabeth Scanlan.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Model of the Drury Lane; London, 1778 (B14)

Creator: Maginnis, James P.

Digital Object: Model of the Drury Lane; London, 1778 (B14)

Scope and Contents

Depiction of the "screen scene" from *A School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Shows the use of wing and drop scenery on a deep stage, the depth of the forestage, proscenium doors, and stage boxes. Created by James P. Maginnis under the direction of Walter H. Godfrey, based on a contemporary print.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead.

Set model for *Legend of the White Snake;* Chinese Mechanical Theatre (B37)

Scope and Contents

Large representation of a scene from the Chinese classical work

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patrons may view this item, located on the RBML Mezzanine, by inquiring at the RBML front desk.

Italian Toy Orchestra (B40)

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Subseries III.2: Set Models

Title/Description	Instances
Set model for <i>Les Deux Trouvailles de Gallus,</i> Comedie Francaise (B15), 1923	box B15
Creator: Devred, Leo	
<u>Digital Object</u> : <u>Set model for Les Deux Trouvailles de</u> <u>Gallus, Comedie Francaise (B15), 1923</u>	
Scope and Contents	
Model of the setting for <i>Les Deux Trouvailles du Gallus,</i> a combination of Victor Hugo's plays <i>Margarita</i> and <i>Esca.</i>	
Set model for <i>Leah Kleschna</i> Manhattan Theatre, New York (B16), 1904	
Creator: Gates and Morange	
Digital Object: Set model for Leah Kleschna Manhattan Theatre, New York (B16), 1904	
Scope and Contents	
Set model of fifth act of <i>Leah Kleschna,</i> an orchard near Neustadt, Austria. The Manhattan Theatre (not	

to be confused with Hammerstein's Manhattan on

34th between Broadway and 6th Avenue) stood at 6th Ave and 33rd St.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead.

Set model for Herod Lyric Theatre, New York (B17), 1909

Creator: Albert, Ernest, 1857-1946

Scope and Contents

Depiction of *Herod* at the Lyric Theatre on 42nd St between Broadway and 8th Ave. The setting reflects the opulence of early 19th century settings and a pioneering use of varying levels. Designed by Ernest Albert of the Lee-Lash Studios.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Set model for *Return of Peter Grimm* Belasco Theatre, New York (B18), 1910

Creator: Gros, Ernest M.

Scope and Contents

Depiction of the elaborate stage setting for which Belasco was famous. Masking and backstage effects are painstakingly recreated. The theatre had the most advanced lighting equipment of its day.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patrons may view this item, located on the RBML Mezzanine, by inquiring at the RBML front desk.

Set model for *Garden of Allah* Century Theatre, New York (B19), 1911

Creator: Gates and Morange

Scope and Contents

For the scene represented in the model, real desert plants were imported. The Century Theatre stood at Central Park West and 62nd Street.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Set model for *Oliver Twist* New Amsterdam Theatre; New York (B20), 1912

<u>Creator</u>: Gates and Morange

Scope and Contents

Depicts a section of the Thames near London Bridge, the setting of Act IV, Scene I. The New Amsterdam Theatre was at 214 West 42nd St.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Set model for *Prunella* Little Theatre, New York (B21), 1913

Creator: Unitt, Edward G

Scope and Contents

Setting is a formal garden with a high wall across the back. The Little Theatre at 240 West 44th St. was one of the first off-Broadway theatres.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access is not possible at this time.

Set model for *Abduction from the Seraglio* (Mozart/ Stephani), Metropolitan Opera; New York (B25), 1946

Creator: Oenslager, Donald, 1902-1975

<u>Digital Object</u>: <u>Set model for Abduction from the</u> <u>Seraglio (Mozart/Stephani), Metropolitan Opera; New</u> <u>York (B25), 1946</u>

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead.

Set model for *Warrior's Husband* (Thompson), Morosco Theatre, New York (B27), 1932

Creator: Thompson, Woodman

<u>Digital Object: Set model for Warrior's Husband</u> (Thompson), Morosco Theatre, New York (B27), 1932

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

"Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead. Set model for *The Island God* (Menotti), Metropolitan Opera, New York (B28), 1942

Creator: Berman, Eugene, 1899-1972

Digital Object: Set model for The Island God (Menotti), Metropolitan Opera, New York (B28), 1942

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead.

Set model for *Todo* by Nogami Yaeko, Geikyo Troupe; Haiyuza Theatre (B29), 1965

Creator: Yanagisawa, Machio, 1933-

<u>Digital Object</u>: <u>Set model for Todo by Nogami Yaeko,</u> Geikyo Troupe; Haiyuza Theatre (B29), 1965

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

Patron access to the physical object is not possible at this time. Use digital surrogate instead.

Set model for *Honcho Nijusho* (Chikamatsu Hanji), Imperial Theatre, Tokyo (B32), circa 1925

Scope and Contents

Large model of two settings for the second act of *Honcho Nijusho*. On the upper level is the setting for the first scene, a lakeside palace. Below it is one for the second scene, the palace garden. Shown are indications of the permanent stage house surrounding the setting.

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

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Set model for *Kamisori* (*Razor*) by Kichizo Nakamura, Nippon Geigitso Gekijo; Tokyo (B33), 1966

Creator: Yasuhiro Ishi

Digital Object: <u>Set model for Kamisori (Razor) by</u> <u>Kichizo Nakamura, Nippon Geigitso Gekijo; Tokyo</u> (B33), 1966

Set model for *Ejima Ikushima* (*Ejima and Ikushima*) by box B34 Hakucho Masamune (B34), 1966

Creator: Yasuhiro Ishi

box B33

Digital Object: Ejima Ikushima (Ejima and Ikushima) by Hakucho Masamune (B34), 1966

Set model for *Machigai* (*Mistake*) by Hakucho Masamune, Kase Troupe; Tokyo (B35), 1965 box B35

Creator: Yasuhiro Ishi

Digital Object: <u>Set model for Machigai (Mistake)</u> by Hakucho Masamune, Kase Troupe; Tokyo (B35), 1965

Set model for *Blood Wedding* by Frederico Garcia Lorca (B36), 1965

Creator: Michiya Okada

Digital Object: Set model for Blood Wedding by Frederico Garcia Lorca (B36), 1965

Conditions Governing Access: Conditions Governing Access

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