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Abstract

Consists of documents spanning Prosky's career in theatre, film, and television. Materials include playbills, photographs, scripts, reviews, fan letters, scrapbooks, and audiovisual.

Creator

Robert Prosky, 1930-2008

Physical Characteristics

9 linear feet (16 boxes)

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

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There may be duplication restrictions because of copyright.

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Biographical Information

Born in Philadelphia, Robert Prosky (1930-2008) spent much of his career as an actor in more than 200 plays at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., on Broadway in New York City, and in regional theatre. Prosky's association with the Arena Stage included more than 130 productions over the course of 20 years. His Broadway appearances included "Glengarry Glenross," "A Walk in the Woods," and "A View from the Bridge." Highlights from regional theater include "Death of a Salesman," "Twelfth Night," and "You Can't Take It With You." He also performed on stage in the Moscow Art Theatre in Russia, the Gate Theater in Dublin, Ireland, as well as in a Chinese theater in Hong Kong.

Beginning in the 1980s, he began regularly appearing in films and television shows. His films include "Mrs. Doubtfire," "The Natural," and "Dead Man Walking." Television credits include three years on "Hill Street Blues," many television films and guest shots.

He received or was nominated for two Tony awards, two Helen Hayes awards, an Emmy, the Drama Desk award, and the American Express Tribute To An American Actor. He continued to perform on stage and present lectures on his long career at universities, film festivals, for theater benefits, business groups and on cruises. He died on December 8, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content

Consists of documents spanning Prosky's career in theatre, film, and television. Materials include playbills, photographs, scripts, reviews, fan letters, scrapbooks, and audiovisual.

The collection consists of six series. The first series contains documents from his professional career divided into three subseries and arranged alphabetically by play, film, or television title, then chronologically. Subseries 1.1 includes playbills that date from his early performances at the Quarterdeck Theatre to his most recent performances in Washington, D.C. There are also numerous reviews as well as a few scripts with Prosky's handwritten notes. Subseries 1.2 contains mostly clippings and reviews about Prosky's film career, but there are a few scripts and ephemera, such as the trading card from "The Last Action Hero." Subseries 1.3 contains documents from his television career, mostly clippings from his time as a cast member on "Hill Street Blues" and "Veronica's Closet." Note that there are additional professional documents, such as posters, in the oversize series.

The second series contains personal documents and is divided into two subseries and arranged alphabetically and chronologically. Subseries 2.1 consists of correspondence to and from Prosky. The bulk of the correspondence concerns Prosky's family and close friends. There are also many greeting cards wishing Prosky luck on opening nights as well as offering congratulations and thanks. Subseries 2.2 contains many biographical articles discussing Prosky's life as an actor. The articles also discuss Prosky's wife and sons. Also contained in the subseries are clippings, programs, and certificates from awards ceremonies that Prosky participated in as a nominee and won. Of particular interest are transcripts from an autobiography by Prosky.

Note that there are additional biographical articles in the oversize series both loose and in scrapbooks.

The third series contains photographs of Prosky's professional and personal life. Many of the photographs document Prosky's theatre and film career. There are also photographs from his personal life, such as family snapshots. The photographs range in size from 3"x5" to 8"x10". Most of the theatre and professional photographs are larger and in black and white while the personal snapshots are smaller and in color. Arranged by category, then production title or other description, and then arranged chronologically. Note that there are additional photographs in the oversize series both loose and in scrapbooks.

The fourth series consists of copies of Prosky's film and television appearances, particularly "Veronica's Closet." There are also copies of public service announcements and commercials. Most of the media contained on VHS cassettes and reel-to-reel audio tapes. There are also DVD copies of speaking engagements at George Mason University and other locations.

The fifth series contains items too large for the other series. Included are photographs, scrapbooks, and posters documenting Prosky's professional career and personal life.

The sixth series consists of objects from Prosky's professional career and personal life, such as opening night gifts and production souvenirs.

Index Terms

Persons:

Prosky, Robert, 1930-

Corporate Names:

Arena Stage (Organization : Washington, D.C.)

Subjects:

Actors--United States.

Motion pictures--United States.

Television--United States.

Theater--United States.

Theater--Washington (D.C.)

Arrangement

Organized into six series:

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- Series 6: Realia, 1998-2004 (Box 16)

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Series 1: Professional, 1954-2007

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Scope and Content

Contains documents from his professional career divided into three subseries and arranged alphabetically by play, film, or television title, then chronologically.

Subseries 1.1: Theater, 1954-2007

Extent

(2.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Includes playbills that date from his early performances at the Quarterdeck Theatre to his most recent performances in Washington, D.C. There are also numerous reviews as well as a few scripts with Prosky's handwritten notes.

"An American Daughter" Printed Material, 2003

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Arena Stage. Contains press releases, reviews, and Arena Stage publications.

American Film Institute Preview Program Guide, March 1997

Container 1 (Box)

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Anniversary Waltz, 1956

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Arthur Miller Theatre Reviews, 1983-2005

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"Awake and Sing" Printed Material, 2006

Container 1 (Box)

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Scope and Content

Arena Stage. Contains press releases, reviews, and Arena Stage publications.

"Awake and Sing" Playbill, 2006

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Scope and Content

Arena Stage.

Arena Stage 30th Anniversary Season Annual Report, 1981

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Arena Stage Production History, 1998

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"Bad Seed" Playbill, 1956

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Scope and Content

Quarterdeck Theatre.

"Barnum" Playbill, 1983

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Scope and Content

Gonzaga College. Prosky not in cast.

"Battle Dream" Playbill, 1963

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Scope and Content

Arena Stage.

"Camping with Henry and Tom" Playbill, 1995

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Scope and Content

Lucille Lortel Theatre.

"Camping with Henry and Tom" Review, 1993

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Berkshire Theatre Festival. Review by Herbert Wolff.

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Scope and Content

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"Dear Charles" Playbill, 1956

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"Death of a Salesman" Reviews, 1974

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"A Delicate Balance" Playbill, 1982

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"Democracy" Script, 2004

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"The Dybbuk" Reviews, 1975

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"Galileo" Review, 1980

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"Inherit the Wind" Reviews, 2000

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Also contains television reviews and biographical information.

"Glengarry Glen Ross" Playbill, 1994

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Scope and Content

Goodman Theatre.

"Glengarry Glen Ross" Playbill, 1994

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Scope and Content

John Golden Theatre.

"Glengarry Glen Ross" Clippings, 1994

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"The Golem" Clippings, 2002

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Scope and Content

Manhattan Ensemble Theater. Also contains postcards with advertisements.

"The Happy Time" Playbill, 1958

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"The Hollow" Playbill, 1958

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"Inherit the Wind" Reviews, 2000

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"The Price" Playbill, 1968

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Morosco Theatre. Prosky not in cast.

"The Price" Playbill, 1994

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Scope and Content

Arena Stage.

"The Price" Playbill, 2004

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"The Price" Poster, 2004?

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Scope and Content

Cape May Stage.

"The Price" Reviews, 1993-1994

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Scope and Content

Arena Stage. Also contains a pre-production announcement.

"The Seven Year Itch" Playbill, 1956

Container 2 (Box)

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Quarterdeck Theatre.

"Shakespeare in Hollywood" Printed Material, 2003

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Arena Stage. Contains press releases, reviews, and Arena Stage publications.

A Short History of the Booth Theatre, 2003

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"Sketches of War" Flyer, 1988

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Colonial Theatre.

"The Solid Gold Cadillac" Playbill, 1956

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"Three Men on a Horse" Review, 1974

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Scope and Content

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"Twelfth Night" Press Release, 1971

Container 3 (Box)

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Arena Stage.

"A View from the Bridge" Playbill, 1955

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Scope and Content

Coronet Theatre. Prosky not in cast.

"A View from the Bridge" Playbill, 1983

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Ambassador Theatre.

"A View from the Bridge" Playbill, 1983

Container 3 (Box)

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Scope and Content

Royal Poinciana Playhouse. Prosky not in cast.

"A Walk in the Woods" Playbill, 1988

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Scope and Content

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"A Walk in the Woods" Playbill, 1989

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Scope and Content

One copy entirely in Russian and one with only the title translated.

"A Walk in the Woods" Reviews, 1988

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Scope and Content

Booth Theatre. Also contains some correspondence.

"A Walk in the Woods" Script, 1988

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Scope and Content

Contains stories on Zelda Fichandler and Robert Prosky.

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"You Can't Take It with You" Postcard, 1998

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Scope and Content

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"You Can't Take It with You" Reviews, 1979-1980, 1997-1998

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Scope and Content

Also contains advertisements, rosters, and announcements.

Subseries 1.2: Film, 1980-2007

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Contains mostly clippings and reviews about Prosky's film career, but there are also a few scripts and ephemera, such as the trading card from "The Last Action Hero."

"Broadcast News" Reviews, 1987

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"City of Ember" Script, 2007

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Scope and Content

Also contains correspondence.

"Grandfather's Birthday" Printed Material, 2000

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Contains production facts, one color production still photograph, and one black and white photograph of the director Gayle Knutson.

"Last Action Hero" Trading Card, 1993

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"Lords of Discipline" Clippings, 1983

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"The Natural" Clipping, 1984

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Scope and Content

Also includes information on "Glengarry Glenn Ross" and television work.

The New Jersey State Film Festival, 2001

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"The Thief" Reviews, 1981

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"The Thief" Script, 1980

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"Things Change" Clipping, 1999

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"Washington Monuments" review, 1987

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Subseries 1.3: Television, 1984-2007**Extent**

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Contains documents from his television career, mostly clippings from his time as a cast member on "Hill Street Blues" and "Veronica's Closet."

"ER: Family Business" Script, 2007

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"Frasier: A Cranes' Critique" Script, 1996

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"Hill Street Blues" Clippings, 1984

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"Hill Street Blues" Clippings, 1984-1988

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"Home Fires Burning" Press Releases and Clippings, 1989

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"Into Thin Air" Review, 1985

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"The Murder of Mary Phagan" Clippings and Reviews, 1987-1988

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"The Practice" Clipping, 1997

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"Veronica's Closet" Clippings, 1997

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Series 2: Personal, 1909-2007

Extent

(4 boxes)

Scope and Content

The second series contains personal documents and is divided into two subseries and arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

Subseries 2.1: Correspondence, 1909-2007

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Subseries 2.1 consists of correspondence to and from Prosky. The bulk of the correspondence concerns

Proskey's family and close friends. There are also many greeting cards wishing Proskey luck on opening nights as well as offering congratulations and thanks. Arranged alphabetically by name type of correspondence, then chronologically.

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"A Walk in the Woods", 1988
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Also includes correspondence about Prosky's Tony Award nomination.

Washington Post, 2003
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Subseries 2.2: Biographical, 1967-2007
Extent

(2.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Contains many biographical articles discussing Prosky's life as an actor. The articles also discuss Prosky's wife and sons. Also contained in the subseries are clippings, programs, and certificates from awards ceremonies that Prosky participated in as a nominee and won. This subseries also contains transcripts from a self-recorded autobiography by Prosky. Arranged alphabetically by article title and type of document, then chronologically.

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Post Eagle newspaper.

"Ah, Prosky!", 1978

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Columbia Flier newspaper.

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America 275 Illustrated Story no. 11-79.

Antoinette Perry (Tony) Awards Playbill, 1984

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Scope and Content

Prosky nominated for "Glengarry Glenross".

Antoinette Perry (Tony) Awards Playbill, 1988

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Prosky nominated for "A Walk in the Woods".

Atlantic City Film Festival Award Certificate, 2000

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Cafe du Soleil Celebrity Recipes, 1980s

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Scope and Content

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Scope and Content

Prosky served as the master of ceremonies.

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Prosky nominated for his role in "Our Town".

The Helen Hayes Award, 1998

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Washington Post newspaper.

"He's Quite a Character", 1968

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Scope and Content

Roxborough Times newspaper.

"Hill St. Dad visits new RU grad", 1985

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Home News newspaper.

"Hoffman: A Fresh Face Even as Age Catches Up", 1998

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New York Times Newspaper.

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Equity News newsletter.

Equity News newsletter.

"In Russia He Heard No One Cry Out", 1974

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New York Times newspaper.

Jewish Council on Aging Acceptance Speech, 2005

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"A Life in the Spotlight: An Afternoon with Robert Prosky" Program, 2004

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"N. Va.'s Theater Scene is Flourishing", 1999

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"Robert Prosky: Distinguished Actor", 1991

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"Robert Prosky: Hey...Don't I Know You?", 2006

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New Jersey Lifestyle magazine.

"Robert Prosky: Performer and Penmaker Extraordinaire", 1996

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"Robert Prosky: The Actor Struts and Frets", 1978

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Dossier magazine.

"Signature, First Amendment Rule", 1995

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Scope and Content

Washington Times newspaper. Article mentions Prosky's Hayes award for "The Price".

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"Theatrical Prosky Family Together Here or on Stage", 1995

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Tony Awards Clippings, 1988

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Scope and Content

Also includes correspondence.

Series 3: Photographs, 1930s-2005

Extent

(3 boxes)

Scope and Content

Contains photographs of Prosky's professional and personal life. Many of the photographs document Prosky's theatre and film career. There are also photographs from his personal life, such as family snapshots. The photographs range in size from 3"x5" to 8"x10". Most of the theatre and professional

photographs are larger and in black and white while the personal snapshots are smaller and in color. Arranged by category, then production title or other description, and then arranged chronologically.

Appearances, "Dedication of Kreeger Stage", 1970s

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Appearances, "Hands Across America", 1986

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Appearances, [Hands Across America. St. Patrick's Day. Washington D.C.], 1986

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Appearances, Parade, 1980s

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Appearances, [Prosby speaking at Credit Union National Assoc. Inc.], 1980s

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Appearances, Sardi's, 1980s

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Appearances, [Stop Arthritis Telethon], 1988

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Appearances, Tim Conway Golf Classic, 1986

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Appearances, "A View From the Bridge" [Opening Night after Theatre Supper], February 3, 1983

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Appearances, "WYKS" [Hyatt Regency Washington D.C.], 1980s

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Commercials, "Central Charge Credit Card" 1970s

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Commercials, [Unidentified], 1970s

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Commercials, Volkswagen and men from Arena Stage, 1991

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Film, "Age Isn't Everything" [Original title "Life in the Food Chain"], 1991

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Film, "Brother's Destiny", 1995

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Film, "The Chamber", 1996

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Film, "Christine", 1983

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Film, "Dudley Do-Right", 1999

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Film, "Far and Away", 1992

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Film, "Funny About Love", 1990

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Film, "Grandfather's Birthday" [Theatre Photo], 2001

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Film, "Gremlins II", 1990

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Film, "Hanky Panky", 1982

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Film, "Hoffa", 1992

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Film, "The Keep", 1983

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Film, "Lords of Discipline", 1983

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Film, "Mrs. Doubtfire", 1993

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Film, "The Natural"; [Baseball Hall of Fame Donation], 1984

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Film, "The Scarlet Letter", 1995

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Film, "Thief", 1981

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Miscellaneous, Broadway Reunion 1988

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Miscellaneous, Characters at Kalt Tavern in Milwaukee n.d.

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Miscellaneous, [In library with Ida Prosky and others], 2000s

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Miscellaneous, Lucille Lortel 1988

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Miscellaneous,[NBC 75th Anniversary], 2002

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Miscellaneous, Negatives and slides 1950s-1980s

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Miscellaneous, The Helen Hayes Awards 1992

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Miscellaneous, [Standby Broadway], 1950s

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Miscellaneous, [White House photo, President Clinton and Robert Prosky], December 1997

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Modeling Jobs, 1960s

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Personal, Childhood/Highschool, 1930s-1940s

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Personal, Family/Friends, 1950s-1990s

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Personal, Portrait, 1980s

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Personal, Portraits [Arena Stage shots to show versatility], 1960s

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Publicity, "People Weekly", September 3, 1984

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Publicity, [Russian Publication], 1970s

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Television, "Cheers", 1992

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Television, "Hill Street Blues", 1984-1987

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Container 2 (Folder)

Television, "Home Fires Burning", 1989

Container 11 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Television, "Veronica's Closet", 1997-1998

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Theatre, "All My Sons", 1950s

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Theatre, "The Caine Mutiny Court Marshall", 1960

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Awake and Sing", 1971

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Camping with Henry and Tom", 1993-1995

Container 11 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Theatre, "Caucasian Chalk Circle"[front], "National Health"[back], 1977-1978

Container 11 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Theatre, "The Chemmy Circle", 1970

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "The Cherry Orchard", 1960-1970

Container 11 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Theatre, "Dear Charles", 1950s-1960s

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Death of a Salesman", 1974

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Democracy", 2004-2005

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Theatre, "Diabolique", 1950s-1960s

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Theatre, "A Doll's House", 1950s

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Container 16 (Folder)

Theatre, "Front Page", 1958

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Theatre, "Galileo", 1980

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Theatre, "Girls in 509", 1950s-1960s

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Theatre, "He Who Gets Slapped", 1965

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Theatre, "Hotel Paradiso"[front], "Sergeant Musgrave's Dance"[back], 1963-64, 1966

Container 11 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Theatre, "Idiot's Delight", 1979

Container 11 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Theatre, "Inherit the Wind" [Russia], 1973

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Theatre, "Jabberwocky", 1960s

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Container 24 (Folder)

Theatre, "La Fille Du Regiment" signed photo-Joan Sutherland n.d.

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Theatre, "Lower Depths"[front], "National Health"[back], 1977

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "The Madwoman of Chaillot", 1961

Container 11 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Theatre, "Matchmaker", 1960s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Theatre, "Middle of the Night", 1960s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Theatre, "Millionaires", 1950s-1960s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Theatre, "Misalliance", 1962

Container 11 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

Theatre, "Moon in the Yellow River"[front], "Time of Your Life"[back], 1962

Container 11 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

**Theatre, "Mr. Welk and Jersey Jim"[front], "Three Men on a Horse"[back];
"Three Men on a Horse", 1959,1966; 1971**

Container 11 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Theatre, "No Time for Sergeants", 1960s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

**Theatre, "Our Town"[front], "Leonce and Lena"[back]; "Our Town",
1974,1990-1991;1991**

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Theatre, Photograph Album 1950s-1960s

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Theatre, "Picnic", 1957-1958

Container 11 (Box)

Container 37 (Folder)

Theatre, Portfolio Binder 1950s-1960s

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "The Price", 1994

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Reluctant Debutante", 1950s

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Theatre, "Remny Baker", 1960s

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "The Ruling Class", 1971

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Separate Tables", 1950s-1960s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 43 (Folder)

Theatre, [Shakespeare in Hollywood photo collage poster], 2003

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "Streamers", 1970s

Container 11 (Box)

Container 45 (Folder)

Theatre, Unidentified 1950a-1960s

Container 11 (Box)

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Theatre, "A Walk in the Woods", 1988

Container 11 (Box)

Container 47 (Folder)

Theatre, "You Can't Take It With You", 1998

Container 11 (Box)

Container 48 (Folder)

Series 4: Audiovisual, 1960-2007

Extent

(2 boxes)

Scope and Content

Contains copies of Prosky's film and television appearances, particularly "Veronica's Closet." There are also copies of public service announcements and commercials. Most of the media contained on VHS cassettes and reel-to-reel audio tapes. There are also DVD copies of speaking engagements at George Mason University and other locations.

Grandfather's Birthday, 2001

Container 12 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, 18 minutes, color

VHS, 10 minutes, color

Little Detroit Commercial,

Container 12 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio reel.

Available on digital format.

Public Service TV Spot "Grade School", 1960

Container 12 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Reel, 60 seconds, color.

Available on digital format.

Public Service Announcement "Shirley Safe Goes West",

Container 12 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Reel, 60 seconds, color, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Food Safety and Quality Service.

Available on digital format.

Show Demo,

Container 12 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio reel

Available on digital format.

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's Blackout", 12 March 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466216, Final Viewing Cassette

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's Bridal Shower", 2 April 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466217, Final Viewing Cassette

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's Man in a Suitcase", 9 April 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466218, Final Viewing Cassette

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's All Nighter", 16 April 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466219, Final Viewing Cassette

VHS, #466219, Final Viewing Cassette

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's Mole", 30 April 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466220, Final Viewing Cassette

Veronica's Closet - "Veronica's Mole", 9 May 1998

Container 12 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, #466221, Final Viewing Cassette

Warren Alder, Blacky's Restaurants, October 28, 1971

Container 12 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio, 6 Demo spots, 7.5 IPS

Available on digital format.

Washington Monuments, 1987

Container 12 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Content

VHS, 30 minutes

An American Daughter, April 25-June 1 2002/2003 season

Container 13 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

CD, Arena Stage press photos

An Evening with Robert Prosky DEMO, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD, DEMO

An Evening with Robert Prosky, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD, Tape 1, Harris Theatre GMU

An Evening with Robert Prosky, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD, Tape 2, Harris Theatre GMU

An Evening with Robert Prosky, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD, Clips for Lecture

Bob Grant Show about New York at Noon, May 16, [1985-1986]

Container 13 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio cassette tape, WABC Talk Radio 77am

Crystal Cerise Lecture, ca. 2000s

Container 13 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD

EPA-FEA "Gas Station", August 31, 1976

Container 13 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Video reel, 60 seconds.

Available on digital format.

Harris Theatre tape, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio cassette tape, Tape 1

Harris Theatre tape, October 24, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio cassette tape, Tape 2

Robert Prosky-Faiga Levine Interview, April 1985

Container 13 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio Cassette Tape, WTOP Radio

Oral History, November 8, 2007

Container 13 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Content

DVD

Unlabeled Audio Reel, n.d.

Container 13 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Audio reel.

Available on digital format.

Series 5: Oversize, 1950s-2006

Extent

(2 boxes)

Scope and Content

The fifth series contains items too large for the other series. Included are photographs, scrapbooks, and posters documenting Prosky's professional career and personal life.

"Thief", 1981

Oversize 14

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Black binder with "Thief" label

Robert Prosky,

Oversize 14

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Black binder with Robert Prosky

Modeling Jobs, 1960s

Oversize 14

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph

"Legends of Golf Celebrity Pro-am" [Liberty Mutual], 1987

Oversize 14

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph - Appearances

"The Hostage", 1972

Oversize 14

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph - Theatre

The Television Movie Awards, 1985

Oversize 14

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

Nomination for Best Supporting Actor in a Television Movie "Into Thin Air"

Headshot portfolio, 1980s

Oversize 14

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Six different shots

Russian magazine, 1979

Oversize 14

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Content

Interview page 37

Portraits, 1980s

Oversize 14

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Content

Three matted portraits

"The Price", August 23- September 23, 2006

Oversize 14

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Content

Autographed film poster

"Inherit the Wind", September 26 - November 5, 2000

Oversize 14

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Content

Production poster

Portrait photograph, ca.2000s

Oversize 14

Container 12 (folder)

Early career scrapbook, 1950s

Oversize 15

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Photographs, newspaper clippings, playbills

Theatre career scrapbook, 1950s-1980s

Oversize 15

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Blue album with flowers on cover, photographs, newspaper clippings, playbills

"My Life With Bing", 1983

Oversize 15

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Autographed copy by Kathryn Crosby

Series 6: Realia, 1998-2004

Extent

(1 box)

Scope and Content

Consists of objects from Prosky's professional career and personal life.

"Democracy", November 18, 2004

Upsize 16

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Paperweight

"Democracy", November 18, 2004

Upsize 16

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Miniature briefcase

Director's chair back support, n.d.

Upsize 16

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Robert Prosky's name monogrammed on one side.

"Inherit the Wind", 2000

Upsize 16

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Ford's Theatre, Dog tags

P.B.A. Honorary Membership Award, 1988

Upsize 16

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

Plaque

Roxborough High School 50th Class Reunion (Class of 1948), 1998

Upsize 16

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

Souvenir bag