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Abstract

Artwork and Papers of Richard Kidwell Miller (1930-2012), a Fairmont-born artist, teacher, singer, and actor. Includes paintings (3 items), biographical material, correspondence, programs and catalogs for exhibits, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, reproductions of artwork, and other material. Please see "Scope and Content Note" and "Historical Note" for further information.

Creator

Miller, Richard Kidwell

Extent

0.4 Linear Feet Summary: 5 in. (1 document case, 5 in.; 3 unboxed paintings)

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0.02 Gigabytes 27 .jpg files

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Biographical / Historical

Richard Kidwell Miller was born on 15 March 1930 in Fairmont, West Virginia. Miller demonstrated a talent for painting from a very early age. He received art instruction both in and out of school, including taking classes at the Works Progress Administration art center in Fairmont. When Miller was eleven years old, he had a painting included in an exhibit of children's art at the Metropolitan Museum in New York. Miller's family moved to Washington, DC in 1943. After graduating from high school, he studied art at the Pennsylvania Academy for the Fine Arts, then at American University. Miller was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to travel to Paris, France and further his art studies. Upon returning to the United States, he began to teach art and also pursued a Master of Fine Arts at Columbia University. Miller had a prestigious career painting, teaching, and exhibiting; he was also a professional singer and actor. He married Theresa Robinson in 1957. Miller died in New York on 29 August 2012.

A more detailed biography as well as copies of Miller's resume can be found in Series 2 of this collection.

Scope and Contents

Artwork and Papers of Richard Kidwell Miller (1930-2012), a Fairmont-born artist, teacher, singer, and actor. Includes paintings (3 items), biographical material, correspondence, programs and catalogs for exhibits, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, reproductions of artwork, and other material.

This collection is organized into nine series:

Series 1. Paintings; 1969-1999; unboxed

Series 2. Biographical Material; 1990-2012, undated; box 1, folders 1-4

Series 3. Correspondence; 1947-2003, undated; box 1, folders 5-6

Series 4. Art Exhibits; 1947-2001; box 1, folder 7

Series 5. Publications; 2005; box 1, folder 8

Series 6. Newspaper Clippings; 1947-1990, undated; box 1, folders 9-11

Series 7. Photographs; ca. 1947-1982, undated; box 1, folders 12-13

Series 8. Artwork Reproductions; 1939-2002, undated; box 1, folders 14-16

Series 9. Theater and Music Programs; 1949-1961; box 1, folder 17

Series 1. Paintings; 1969-1999; unboxed. Contains three oil paintings by Miller.

Series 2. Biographical Material; 1990-2012, undated; box 1, folders 1-4. Contains material written by Miller, including a brief autobiography, resumes, and reminiscences, as well as material written by others about Miller, including articles copied from books and other sources. Also contains a card from his funeral.

Series 3. Correspondence; 1947-2003, undated; box 1, folders 5-6. Contains letters to Miller regarding his early artwork and other subjects and letters from Miller to John Cuthbert regarding an exhibit and catalog of artwork.

Series 4. Art Exhibits; 1947-2001; box 1, folder 7. Contains material regarding Miller's art exhibits, including an advertisement, a program, a poster, and a catalog.

Series 5. Publications; 2005; box 1, folder 8. Contains a book regarding Miller written by a Russian author.

Series 6. Newspaper Clippings; 1947-1990, undated; box 1, folders 9-11. Contains newspaper and magazine articles regarding Miller and his artwork.

Series 7. Photographs; ca. 1947-1982, undated; box 1, folders 12-13. Contains photographs of Miller, including photographs of Miller with his artwork.

Series 8. Artwork Reproductions; 1939-2002, undated; box 1, folders 14-16. Contains reproductions (photographs, prints, slides, digital copies, etc.) of artworks by Miller. Some of the reproductions include labels and other information recorded on the reverse by Miller.

Series 9. Theater and Music Programs; 1949-1961; box 1, folder 17. Contains programs for three musical theater productions and one church service in which Miller performed.

See also the book "Richard Kidwell Miller" by John Cuthbert, regarding the artist and the 2004 exhibit of Miller's work at West Virginia University.

Keywords

Fairmont (W. Va.)

Art and artists

Miller, Richard Kidwell

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Paintings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154686

Unit Date 1969-1999

Collision Course, oil and wood on canvas, 26 in. x 26 1/2 in.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154695

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials unboxed (Box)

Language English.

Glass and Grape, oil and oil stick on canvas, 45 in. x 45 in.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154696

Unit Date 1986

Mixed Materials unboxed (Box)

Language English.

Double Diamond, oil and oil stick collage

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154697

Unit Date 1999

Mixed Materials unboxed (Box)

Language English.

Series 2. Biographical Material

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154687

Unit Date 1990-2012, undated

Two copies of "Richard Miller--A Brief Biography"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154698

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Various versions of Miller's resume

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154699

Unit Date ca. 1990-2000

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English.

Two autobiographical reminiscences written by Miller

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154700

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Photocopies of articles from books and other sources regarding Miller and a laminated card from Miller's funeral

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154701

Unit Date 1990, 2012, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

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Series 3. Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit Date 1947-2003, undated

Correspondence to Miller regarding his participation in an art contest, including the ribbons awarded to him, his being awarded a scholarship, and his performance as a soloist at a church service

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154702

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English.

Correspondence from Miller to John Cuthbert regarding exhibit of Miller's work at West Virginia University and the exhibit catalog

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154703

Unit Date 2001-2003, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English.

Series 4. Art Exhibits

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154689

Unit Date 1947-2001

Advertisement, program, poster, and catalog for exhibits of Miller's work

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154704

Unit Date 1947-2001

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Series 5. Publications

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154690

Unit Date 2005

Book titled "Richard Miller" by Igor Koulikov, written in Russian and English, autographed by Miller

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154705

Unit Date 2005

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Series 6. Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154691

Unit Date 1947-1990, undated

Newspaper clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154706

Unit Date 1947, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English.

Photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154707

Unit Date 1960-1963, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Language English.

Newspaper and magazine articles

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154708

Unit Date 1977-1990

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Language English.

Series 7. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154692

Unit Date ca. 1947-1982, undated

Photographs of Miller as a teenager and of Miller and wife Teresa

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154709

Unit Date ca. 1947-1955

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Language English.

Photographs of Miller, including portrait photographs and photographs of Miller with his artwork

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154710

Unit Date 1982, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Language English.

Series 8. Artwork Reproductions

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154693

Unit Date 1939-2002, undated

Reproductions of artwork, including photographs, prints, and photocopies

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154711

Unit Date 1939-1981

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Language English.

Color slides of artwork

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154712

Unit Date 1939-2002

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Language English.

CD containing digital photographs of artwork

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154713

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

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Series 9. Theater and Music Programs

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154694

Unit Date 1949-1961

Programs for theater productions and other events

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/154714

Unit Date 1949-1961

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)