

W B Yeats: Images of a Poet Photographic Collection

MS 5299

Images used in the, W B Yeats Images of a Poet exhibition, displayed during 1961 at the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester and The Building Centre, Dublin. The collection also includes further images collected, as part of the research that took place in curating the exhibition.

The exhibition built on a previous photographic exhibition, entitled I, The Poet William Yeats, curated by Professor D. J. Gordon at the University of Reading in 1957. Professor Gordon contributed his photographs and alongwith Ian Fletcher, also of the University of Reading, wrote the greater part of the exhibition catalogue for the 1961 exhibition.

The Collection covers the year's 1961.

The physical extent of the collection is 13 boxes.

MS 5299/1 The Image of the Poet 1961

Copies of images (numbered 1 -52), of W B Yeats used in the exhibition and folders of images, (some of which are oversized) of W B Yeats and his family which do not appear to have been used in the exhibition.

The individual images from the exhibition are listed in the Exhibition Catalogue, "W B Yeats Images of a Poet" (Special Collections reference: 821.912 YEA/W) and numbered according to the list in the catalogue.

Please note that images numbered: 3, 17, 22, 34, 51 and 52 have not been identified and could be missing.

Please note images numbered: 24a, 27 and 50 are oversize.

4 folders and 2 folders of oversize images

MS 5299/2 Persons and Places 1961

Copies of images (numbered 53-116), of persons and places associated with Yeats and used in the exhibition. Including images of The Tower , (Thoor Ballylee), Coole Park and Lady Gregory, Robert Gregory, Lionel Johnson, J M Synge, George Pollexfen, Maud Gonno, John O'Leary, John Butler Yeats,

Lissadell (the home of the Gore-Booth family) and Ben Bulbin and Drumcliff Church, Sligo. Includes folders of images which do not appear to have been used in this part of the exhibition, on the following subjects: The Tower, Coole Park and Lady Gregory, J M Synge, Maud Gonne, John O'Leary, Lissadell and Sligo, Hugh Lane, Irish National Monument, Mackmundo and H P Horne, Easter Rising 1916. Further images of people including: James Stephens, George Bernard Shaw, J T Nettleship, Stopford Brooke, Lennox Robinson, Olivia Shakespeare, 'Bob' Stevenson, Dorothy Wellesley, Amy Levy, Henry Harland, W E Henley, Arthur Symons, Oswald Sickert, and Macgregor Matthews.

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Please note that images numbered: 53, 75, 81, 82, 86, 88, 89, 91 and 92 have not been identified and could be missing.

Please note images numbered: 54 and 109 are oversize.

3 boxes and 3 oversize images
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MS 5299/3
The Poet and The Theatre
1961

Copies of images (numbered 117-175), of performers, plays and theatres associated with Yeats and used in the exhibition. Includes folders of images which do not appear to have been used in this part of the exhibition, on the following subjects: Bedford Park, Aubrey Beardsley, the Abbey Theatre and actors, Production photographs, Gordon Craig, 'A Sicilian Idyll' and other productions by John Todhunter, W B Yeats' plays (later productions at Edinburgh Festival, 1950s), Mrs Patrick Campbell and 'Dierdre', images of letters from Lennox Robinson, Noh plays, 'Fighting the Waves' and 'The Jealousy of Emer', 'On Baile's Strand' and Frank Fay, Charles Rickett's designs and Florence Farr, 'At the Hawk's Well', a Noh play by Yeats.

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Please note that images numbered: 119, 120, 123, 124, 126, 127a, 136, 145-150 and 162 have not been identified and could be missing.

MS 5299/4
2 boxes
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Byzantium
1961

Copies of images (numbered 176-196), used in the exhibition and relating to the theme of the Byzantium poems by Yeats. Includes a folder of images which do not appear to have been used in this part of the exhibition.

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Please note that images numbered: 182 and 183 have not been identified and could be missing.

Please note that images numbered: 185 and 195 are oversize.

MS 5299/5
1 box and 2 oversize images
Acc.MS5299
Symbolic Art and Visionary Landscape
1961

Copies of images (numbered 196a-298), of art appreciated by Yeats and used in the exhibition. Includes folders of images which do not appear to have been used in this part of the exhibition, on the following subjects: Edwin J Ellis, Althea Gyles, G F Watts, Charles Ricketts, J T Nettleship (some of these photographs have been copied from drawings in MS 727 Nettleship Collection), Burne-Jones, J B Yeats and the Brotherhood, 'Leda and the Swan', Sturge Moore, Samuel Palmer and Edward Calvert, Gustave Moreau, J D Innes, and Puvis de Chavannes.

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Image no. 256 in the catalogue described as "W T Horton; portrait photograph by Edmund Wheeler, Brighton, date unknown" is part of MS 174

Please note that images numbered: 196a, 201, 208, 209, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 229, 230, 236, 237, 238, 241, 245, 249, 250, 255, 257-290 and 296 have not been identified and could be missing.

2 boxes and 1 oversize item
Acc.MS5299
MS 5299/6 The Dancer
1961
Copies of images (numbered 299-317), of dancers, performers and artwork associated with Yeats and used in the exhibition. Including images of Loie Fuller and artwork representing Salome. Includes a folder of images and a glass negative which do not appear to have been displayed in this part of the exhibition, on the following subjects: and captions from the exhibition.

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Please note that images numbered: 305, 306 and 309 have not been identified and could be missing.

2 folders
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MS 5299/7 Books, pamphlets and newspapers relating to the Easter Rising in Ireland in 1916
1961

2 boxes
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MS 5299/8 Photograph Album featuring images of the exhibition, Images of a Poet
1961
There are 2 copies of the album.

2 albums
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