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## SUMMARY INFORMATION:

**Repository:** College Archives & Special Collections at Columbia College Chicago

**Source:** Ginsberg, Jeff

**Title:** Jeff Ginsberg Collection

**ID:** 1000.21 **Date:** [inclusive]: 1986 - 2017

**Physical Description:** 9.15 Cubic Feet. Five (5) record boxes, one (1) flat box

**Language of the Material:** English

**Abstract:** An actor, director, and educator, Jeff Ginsberg served as the Coordinator of the Acting Program of the Theatre Department, Columbia College Chicago until he retired in 2017. He also served as co-artistic director of the National Jewish Theatre from 1992-1996 and as co-artistic director of the Immediate Theatre Company from 1986-1990. He performed in the Chicago premieres of *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Sight Unseen*, *Exact Change* and in several classical and devised work in a variety of media.

## How to Cite This Collection

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## BIOGRAPHY:

Born in Fall River, Massachusetts, Jeff Ginsberg graduated from Boston University with a BFA in Acting and the Yale School of Drama with an MFA in Acting. He studied at the London International School of Performing Arts (LISPA); with Paola Coletto in Padua, Italy; and at the Double Edge Theatre, Ashfield, Massachusetts.

An actor, director, and educator he served as the Coordinator of the Acting Program of the Theatre Department, Columbia College Chicago until he retired in 2017. He also served as co-artistic director of the National Jewish Theatre from 1992-1996, where he supervised, directed or acted in more than twenty productions, some of which were Chicago and world premieres. From 1986-1990, he was co-artistic director of the Immediate Theatre Company, where he directed productions of *Seduced*, *Two Small Bodies*, *Apocalyptic Butterflies* and *Ragged Dick*. He performed in the Chicago premieres of *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Sight Unseen*, *Exact Change* and in several classical and devised work in a variety of media.

Teaching for 30 years at Columbia College Chicago, 1997-2017, he directed classic, contemporary, and devised pieces. He has received a Presidential Scholar in the Arts Teaching Award and has twice been nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award from Columbia College Chicago. Other teaching has included: The School at Steppenwolf; Northwestern University Cherub program; The Actor's Center; and Center Theatre Training Program.

## **ABOUT THE COLLECTION:**

The collection contains production notebooks for plays he directed at Columbia College Chicago from 1992 to 2017 and in local theaters from 1990 to 2013. It also contains posters for several productions in which he directed or performed in Chicago, Illinois from 1986 to 2010.

## **COLLECTION ARRANGEMENT:**

The collection is arranged in two series, maintaining its original organization:

Series 1: Production Books

Series 2: Posters

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

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**Collection's Relationship with Columbia College Chicago** The Jeff Ginsberg Collection was kept by Jeff Ginsberg in his campus office and home until he donated the material to Columbia College Chicago. As a faculty member in the Theatre Department of the college, Jeff Ginsberg donated this collection for research use and to enhance the holdings of the Columbia College Chicago Theatre Department records.

**Initial Acquisition** Jeff Ginsberg, a faculty member in the Theatre Department, Columbia College Chicago, June 2, 1917 (accession: 2017\_0018).

## CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS:

- Theater
- Theatre
- Chicago, IL
- Theater—Production and direction
- Theater—Production and direction—Study and teaching
- College theater—Production and direction
- Theatrical companies
- Ginsberg, Jeff

## RELATED RESEARCH RESOURCES - COLLECTIONS:

[National Jewish Theater Records](#): held at Chicago Public Library

[Pegasus Players](#): held at Chicago Public Library

[Steppenwolf Theatre](#): held at Chicago Public Library

## COLLECTION INVENTORY:

**Series 1:** Production Notebooks, 1992 – 2017. The series contains production notebooks for plays directed at Columbia College Chicago from 1992 to 2017 and in local theaters from 1990 to 2013. Filled with sketches, research notes, stage direction, and scripts, these books illustrate work done by a director to stage a production. The series is arranged by productions performed at Columbia College Chicago and by productions performed in area theaters, further arranged alphabetically and by year.

YEAR	PRODUCTION TITLE	THEATRE/COMPANY	BOX #	SERIAL
1992	Leocadia	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
1999	The Lucky Spot	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
1999	The Waiting Game	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2002	Three by Four (3 by 4)	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2002	Goodnight Children Everywhere	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2004	Push Up	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2007	The Workroom	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2008	High School Institute Summer Showcase	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2010	He Who Gets Slapped	Columbia College Chicago	1	02640
2011	Operation Sidewinder	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
2001	Wild Duck	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641

YEAR	PRODUCTION TITLE	THEATRE/COMPANY	BOX	SERIAL
2013	The Identical Same Temptation (BFA Acting Program)	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
2014	Hour of Feeling	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
2017	Peer Gynt	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
2003-2007	Teaching Materials: Audition Workshop Bible	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
2006/2007	Teaching Materials: Theatre Course Information	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
n.d.	Teaching Materials: Inbetween/Faculty Workshop	Columbia College Chicago	2	02641
1990/1991	This I Know	Marcia Wilke	3	02642
1992	Close at Hand	Marcia Wilke	3	02642
1994	Messiah	National Jewish Theater	3	02642
1994	Rocket to The Moon	National Jewish Theater	3	02642
1996	The American Play	National Jewish Theater	3	02642
2000	The Pineapple Story	New Turners Theatre	3	02642
2001	Young Playwrights Festival	Pegasus Players	3	02642
2001	Morocco	Trap Door Theatre	3	02642
2002	Blue Window	School at Steppenwolf	3	02642
2002	Shine	Pickwick Theatre	3	02642
2002	The Waverly Gallery	Pegasus Players	3	02642
2003	Laramie Project	Oakton Community College	4	02643
2004	12 Volt Heart	Northwestern	4	02643
2004	Orpheus Now	Field House Lab	4	02643
2005	The Debilitales	Three Leaves Productions	4	02643
2005	Unobstructed View	Pegasus Players	4	02643
2006	Balm in Gilead	Steppenwolf	4	02643
2006	Bernadine & Dina	Neo Futurists	4	02643
2006	Ragged Dick	Immediate Theatre Company	4	02643
2007	Incredibly Famous Willy Rivers	Uma Productions	5	02644
2013	The Fairy Garden	Project Upstart	5	02644

**Series 2: Production Posters, 1986 – 2010.** The series contains production posters for plays Performed in local theaters from 1986 to 2006 and at Columbia College Chicago from 1992 to 2010. The series is arranged by performance in area theaters and by performances at Columbia College Chicago, further arranged alphabetically and by year. Most productions were directed by Jeff Ginsberg; however, there are some posters represented where he acted in the performance.

YEAR	PRODUCTION TITLE	THEATRE/COMPANY	BOX	SERIAL
1986	Morning's at Seven	Church of Our Savior Players	6	02646
1986	Noel Coward, Christopher Durang and All the Dirty Stuff In Between	Econo-Art Theatre	6	02646
1987	Seduced	The Immediate Theatre	6	02646
1988	Apocalyptic Butterflies	The Immediate Theatre	6	02646
1988	Two Small Bodies	The Immediate Theatre	6	02646
1989	Exact Change	The Immediate Theatre	6	02646
1990	Babylon Sisters	The New Tuners Theatre	6	02646
1991	The Heidi Chronicles	Halsted Theatre Centre	6	02646
1994	2 By Kondoleon	ARC Gallery	6	02646
1994	Messiah	National Jewish Theater	6	02646
1998	True West	The Accidental Theater Ensemble	6	02646
2002	The Waverly Gallery	Pegasus Players	6	02646
2006	Ragged Dick	The Immediate Theatre	6	02646
1990	Diary of a Scoundrel	Columbia College Chicago	6	02646
1992	Leocadia	Columbia College Chicago	6	02646
1999	The Lucky Spot	Columbia College Chicago	6	02646
2010	He Who Gets Slapped	Columbia College Chicago	6	02646