

Carl Van Vechten:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Title:	Carl Van Vechten Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	20th century
Extent:	769 items
Abstract:	The Carl Van Vechten Literary File consists of 769 photographs, the majority of which are portraits of Van Vechten, his wife Fania Marinoff, and notable figures of the twentieth century in literature and the performing arts.
Call Number:	Photography Collection PH-02800
Language:	English
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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

The Carl Van Vechten Literary File consists of 769 photographs, the majority of which are portraits of Van Vechten, his wife Fania Marinoff, and notable figures of the twentieth century in literature and the performing arts. Nearly all the photographs are by Van Vechten, and an index at the end of this guide lists the other photographers whose work is featured in this file. Further descriptions of some items are available in a list located at the front of Box 1 and in a card catalog in the repository.

This file forms a part of the Literary File Collection, which is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally include portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Associated and related material about Van Vechten can be found in the Center's library, in the Carl Van Vechten Collection (MS-04331), and in the Klaus W. Jonas Collection of Somerset Maugham and Carl Van Vechten (MS-05171).

Accession Number: P1-P97, P99 Chiefly portraits of various people, including Van Vechten, his wife Fania Marinoff, and many patrons of the Stage Door Canteen in New York; also a few views of New York City, undated.

Location
Van
Vechten,
C., Lit
File Box
1

Accession Number: P100-P192 Chiefly portraits of various people, undated.

Location
Van
Vechten,
C., Lit
File Box
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Accession Number: P193-P227, P229-P275, P277-P281 Chiefly portraits of various people, undated.

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Vechten,
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Accession Number: P282-P305, P306A-P306C, P307-P308, P309A-P309E, P310, P312-P314, P315A-P315C, P316-P318, P320-P325, P327-P328 Chiefly portraits of various people, undated.

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Accession Number: 981:0056:0001 Image of dogwood flower arrangement for FM's [Fania Marinoff?] birthday from Blanche and Alfred Knopf, 18 March 1958.

Accession Number: 981:0056:0002 Portrait of Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff in caricature, Bourges, 20 July 1930.

Accession Number: 987:0033:0000 Portraits of Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff (13 items); photographic postcards of notable figures of twentieth century art (11 items) and dance (202 items), undated.

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Accession Number: 987:0033:0000 Photographic postcards of notable figures of twentieth century dance (39 items), literature (39 items), music (9 items), sports (5 items), theater (84 items); portraits of various people of unspecified profession (24 items); images of various places and things (10 items), undated.

Accession Number: 2002:0034:0001 Portrait inscribed on verso
"The King in Kykunkor," undated.

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- Brown, E. T.--P299-P302
- Lutz, Mark--987:0033:0000 (2 items)
- Man Ray, 1890-1976--P304
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- Marrecau--981:0056:0002
- Mauriber, Saul--P307, P327-P328, 987:0033:0000 (2 items)
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