Billy Wilder papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Billy Wilder papers
Date (inclusive): 1935-1976
Date (bulk): 1943-1961
Collection number: 1410
Creator: Wilder, Billy
Extent: 3 linear feet of papers.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
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Acquisition Information
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Biography
Billy Wilder was an Austrian-born director, screenwriter, and producer most active in film from the 1930s through 1970s. After beginning his film career in Germany, he came to the U.S. in 1934. From 1938 to 1950, he collaborated with screenwriter and producer Charles Brackett. Four of Wilder’s six Academy Awards are for writing and directing THE LOST WEEKEND (1945) and THE APARTMENT (1960), and he was the recipient of the 1987 Irving G. Thalberg memorial award.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Billy Wilder papers span the years 1935-1976 (bulk 1943-1961) and encompass 3 linear feet. The collection contains production material and/or correspondence for nine films directed by Wilder and released between 1944 and 1960. The films are THE APARTMENT (1960), THE BIG CARNIVAL (1951), DOUBLE INDEMNITY (1944), A FOREIGN AFFAIR (1948), THE FORTUNE COOKIE (1966), THE LOST WEEKEND (1945), THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH (1955), SOME LIKE IT HOT (1959), and THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS (1957). The bulk of the material is scripts, clippings, and correspondence. Some correspondence is addressed to Charles Brackett.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files
Indexing Terms
Wilder, Billy, 1906-2002--Archives
directors
producers
screenwriters