Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer set reference photographs

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer set reference photographs
Date (inclusive): 1919-1973
Date (bulk): 1925-1973
Collection number: 1101
Creator: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
Extent: 315 linear feet of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Co., 1984
Biography
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, an American motion picture production company, was formed in 1924. The studio was located in Culver City, California. MGM was formed when the theater circuit Loew’s Inc., owner of Metro Pictures Corporation, acquired Goldwyn Pictures Corporation and Louis B. Mayer Pictures and subsequently merged the three companies. Acquired by a consortium of investors in 2005, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., continues to function as a film production and distribution company out of its Century City, California headquarters.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer set reference photographs span the years 1919-1973 (bulk 1925-1973) and encompasses 315 linear feet. The collection consists of approximately 350,000 black-and-white photographs taken of sets during film production for continuity and other reference purposes. Performers and crew members appear only rarely. Most images are 8x10, but some files also contain 4x5 prints, sometimes of the same images. Both feature length and short films are represented, including many period dramas and musicals noteworthy for their production design. There is limited coverage of Metro-Goldwyn and Goldwyn productions.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Motion picture production photographs; 2. Subject photographs
Indexing Terms
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