Leland Moss papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Leland Moss papers
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Abstract: Leland Moss (1948-1990) was a theater director and playwright who is best known for The AIDS Show, a 1984 work he produced with Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco. This collection includes personal and professional correspondence, as well as nearly 30 years of personal journals and writings, including plays, poetry, prose, screenplays, and journalism. Materials related to Moss’ work with Theatre Rhinoceros include drafts, scripts, notes and research materials for The AIDS Show, Unfinished Business, Quisbies and other plays.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Biography/Administrative History
Leland Moss (1948-1990) was a theater director and playwright who is best known for The AIDS Show, a 1984 work he produced with Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco. After studying at Harvard and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, he worked with companies that included La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club, Playwrights Horizons, and the New York Shakespeare Festival. In 1980, he moved to Berkeley and began working for Theater Rhinoceros. Moss died of AIDS in 1990.
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Theater
AIDS (disease)
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