Iola Brubeck Letters to Mary Jeanne Sauerwein, 1947-2000

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: The collection consists of dozens of letters and postcards from Iola Brubeck to Sauerwein between 1947 and 2000.
Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
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Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History
Iola Brubeck (1923-2014) played a major role in the success of her husband, jazz legend Dave Brubeck (1920-2012). The Brubecks had six children and they lived in various places around the San Francisco Bay Area until they moved to Connecticut in 1961. In addition to managing Dave's bands during the early years, Iola raised the children while Dave was frequently on tour. Mary Jeanne (Anzalone Marbury) Sauerwein (1923-1999) first met Iola Brubeck in San Francisco in the late 1940s when they became close friends and frequently babysat for each other.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of dozens of letters and postcards from Iola Brubeck to Sauerwein between 1947 and 2000. The correspondence give researchers a better understanding of Iola Brubeck and her role as a mother while Dave Brubeck's career rose through the 1950s and later. Researchers will find the letters reveal some of the seminal ideas that lead to Dave Brubeck's success, like Iola's idea to play concerts at college campuses. The letters also contain discussions of the family and professional lives of the Brubecks.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Brubeck, Iola, 1923-2014
Brubeck, Dave, 1920-2012
Jazz musicians -United States
Letters (correspondence) -California -20th Century

Related Material
Brubeck (Dave) Collection MSS 004 (Detailed Inventory)

Related Material
Brubeck (Iola) Susan Matheson Collection MSS 315 (Detailed Inventory)

Folder 1: 1947-1949 letters
Folder 2: 1950-1953 letters
Folder 3: 1954-1956 letters
Folder 4: 1957-1959 letters
Folder 5: 1960-1969 letters
Folder 6: 1970-1979 letters
Folder 7: 1980-1989 letters
Folder 8: 1990-2000 letters
Folder 9: undated letters
Folder 10: Jackman Hansen “The House of Dave Brubeck” and “The House of Louis Benavides”