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VII. SPECIAL RESEARCH MATERIALS ON THE BLACK RENAISSANCE

IN THE CHANNING POLLOCK THEATER COLLECTION

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Selected Theater Programs Related to the Harlem Renaissance:

Blackbirds of 1928 [musical revue]

"A distinctive and unique entertainment". Lyrics by Dorothy Fields; music by Jimmie McHugh. With an all-star cast of 100 colored artists, featuring Adelaide Hall, Bill Robinson, Aida Ward, Tim Moore, Blackbirds Beauty Chorus, the world famous Plantation Orchestra and Johnny Hudgins. The Liberty Theatre, New York, September 24, 1928.

Blackbirds, 1930 Edition [musical revue]

"The world's funniest and fastest revue Glorifying the American Negro". Book by Flournoy Miller; music and lyrics by Eubie Blake and Andy Razaf...Cast: Ethel Waters, Flournoy Miller, Mantan Moreland, Blue McAllister, Broadway Jones, Minto Cato, Neeka Shaw, Marcia Marquez, Jimmy Baskette, Berry Brothers, Cecil Mack's Blackbird Choir, Eubie Blake and His Blackbirds Orchestra, Jazzlips Richardson, and Buck & Bubbles. The Eltinge Theatre, New York, March 4, 1929.

Brown Buddies [musical comedy]

Book by Carl Rickman; musical score by Joe Jordan and Millard Thomas; additional musical numbers by Shelton Brooks, Ned Reed, Porter Grainger, J.C. Johnson, J. Rosemond Johnson, George A. Little, Arthur Sizemore and Ed. G. Nelson. Cast: Bill Robinson, Adelaide Hall and others. Liberty Theatre, New York, October 20, 1930.

The Chocolate Dandies [musical comedy]

Production in two acts and twelve scenes. Book by Noble Sissle and Lew Peyton; music and lyrics by Sissle and Blake. Entire production under personal direction of Sissle and Blake. Cast: Eubie Blake, Amanda Randolph, Josephine Baker, Lottie Gee, Noble Sissle, and others. Colonial Theatre, New York, November 17, 1924.

Dixie To Broadway [musical revue]

Lyrics by Grant Clarke and Roy Turk; book by Walter De Leon, Tom Howard, Lew Leslie, and Sidney Lazarus; music by George W. Meyer and Arthur Johnston. Cast: ["The World's Greatest Colored Entertainer"] Florence Mills ("The Sensation of Two Continents"), Hamtree Harrington, Shelton Brooks, Danny Small, William DeMott, Maud Russell, Cora Green and others. Shubert-Majestic Theatre, New York, October 20, 1924.

The Green Pastures [musical drama]

"A fable by Marc Connelly". Production designed by Robert Edmond Jones; music under the direction of Hall Johnson; play staged by the Author. PULITZER PRIZE PLAY, 1930. Cast: Richard B. Harrison, McKinley Reeves, Josephine Byrd and others. New York premiere, February 26, 1930.

Hot Chocolates [musical revue]

"A new tanskin revel". Staged by Leonard Harper; lyrics by Andy Razaf; music by Thomas ["Fats"] Waller and Harry Brooks. Featuring Baby Cox and Edith Wilson, with a cast of 85 artists including Wooding's Jubilee Singers, LeRoy Smith and His Orchestra, The Sixteen Hot Chocolate Drops, and the Eight Bon Bon Buddies. The Hudson Theatre, New York, June 20, 1929.

Hot Rhythm [musical revue]

"A sepia-tinted little show". Scenes by Ballard MacDonald, [Will] Morrissey and Edward Hurley; contributed to by Johnny Lee Long and Dewey "Pigmeat" Markham; musical score and lyrics by Donald Heywood and Porter Grainger. Musical Director, Maurice Coffin; Master of Ceremonies, Eddie Rector. Cast: Johnny Hudgins, Eddie Rector, Arthur Bryson, Johnny Lee Long, Edith Wilson, Mae Barnes, George Wiltshire, Amon Davis, Jarahal, Dewey "Pigmeat" Markham, and others. The Times Square Theatre, New York, August 25, 1930.

In Abraham's Bosom [tragedy]

"A biography of a Negro in seven scenes". Written by Paul Green; Directed by Jasper Deeter; Settings by Cleon Throckmorton. Cast: Frank Wilson, Rose McClendon, Abbie Mitchell and others. The Princetown Playhouse, New York, 1927.

The Octoroon [melodrama]

"A famous melodrama in eight episodes". Written by Dion Boucicault; produced under the direction of Henry Jewett. Cast: mixed. The Repertory Theatre of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, January 28, 1929.

Showboat [musical]

"America's musical romance...adapted from the novel by Edna Ferber". Music by Jerome Kern; book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Musical Director, George Hirst; Ziegfield production. Cast: mixed; includes Jules Bledsoe as Joe. Shubert Theatre, New York, October 31, 1932.

Selected Sheet Music Related to the Harlem Renaissance:

Blake, Eubie, comp.

"Memories of You". Words by Andy Razaf. Shapiro Bernstein & Co., c1930.

Creamer [Harry] and Layton [Turner], comps.
"After You've Gone". Triangle Music Publishing Company, Inc., c1929.

- Ellington, Duke, comp.
 "In A Sentimental Mood". Lyrics by Irving Mills and Manny Kurtz. Milsons Music Publishing Corp., c1935.
- Europe, James, comp.
 "Goodnight, Angeline". Lieut. Jim Europe, Lieut. Noble Sissle, and Eubie Blake. M. Witmark & Sons, c1919.
- Johnson, J.C., comp.
 "Louisiana". Arr. by Klickmann. Words by Andy Razaf and Bob Schafer.
 Alfred Music Co., Inc., c1936.
- Pinkard, Maceo, comp.
 "Sugar". Words by Sidney Mitchell and Edna Alexander. W.C. Handy Music Publisher, c1927.
- Redman, Donald, comp.
 "Cherry". Lyric by Ray Gilbert. Southern Music Publishing Co. Inc., c1928.
- Sissle, Noble and Blake, Eubie, comps.
 "Love Will Find a Way". From SHUFFLE ALONG; book by Flournoy Miller and Aubrey Lyle. M. Witmark & Sons, c1931.
- Waller, Thomas ["Fats"], comp.
 "Ain t-Cha' Glad?" Words by Andy Razaf. Keit-Engel Inc., c1933.

"When Gabriel Blows His Horn". Lyric by Andy Razaf. Nattrass-Schenck, Inc., c1932.

VIII. SPECIAL MANUSCRIPT RESOURCES ON THE BLACK RENAISSANCE

IN THE MOORLAND-SPINGARN RESEARCH CENTER

The listings below highlight many of the MSRC manuscript collections documenting literature and the arts during the 1920's and 1930's. However a broader interpretation of this period would extend beyond these dates and include the social and political activities of the era. In this broader context the MSRC Manuscript Division holdings would offer a number of other research materials including the collections of Kelly Miller, E. Franklin Frazier, Marian Anderson, Mary O. Williamson, and the correspondence of W.E.B. DuBois. In addition to the resources on this selected list the Manuscript Division has other collections of notable personalities associated with the Black Renaissance. However, these resources are restricted and generally unavailable for research. Among these holdings are the papers of Paul Robeson, Arthur P. Davis, Sterling Brown, and the Thelms Greene Thester Collection. The resources of the Manuscript Division complement the extensive holdings of books, periodicals, and other printed/published materials on the Black Renaissance available in the MSRC Library Division.

Alain Locke Papers 216 linear ft. 1841-1954

Dr. Alain Leroy Locke (1885 -1954), scholar, philosopher, educator, and critic, served on the faculty of Howard University from 1912 to 1953 teaching philosophy, education, English, and literature. Dr. Locke is more widely known for his efforts to promote and interpret the cultural developments of the era coined as the Harlem Renaissance. The Alain Locke Papers are a rich source of documentation on the Harlem Renaissance including correspondence, manuscripts, and photographs of many of the prominent figures of this period such as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Countee Cullen, Jessie Fauset, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Claude McKay, Arna Bontemps, and Richmond Barthe.

Glenn C. Carrington Papers 36 linear ft. 1861-1977

Glenn Carrington (1904-1975), bibliophile, collector, and social worker, was a graduate of Howard University, class of 1925. An honor student during his matriculation at Howard, Glenn Carrington also served as President of his class 1922-23; Vice President of the Liberal Arts Student Council 1924-25; and Editor-in-Chief of the Bison, 1925. He was greatly influenced by Dr. Alain Locke and their friendship continued until Dr. Locke's death in 1954. A social worker by profession, Mr. Carrington's real vocation was as a collector. Over a period of fifty years Carrington assembled an impressive collection of books, records, sheet music, and other materials documenting the African-American's contribution to literature, music, and the arts. The Glenn Carrington Papers include a broad selection of materials documenting the Harlem Renaissance, including programs, flyers, newsclippings, articles, and photographs. Noteworthy is the material on Langston Hughes, which includes correspondence, photographs, autographed writings and programs.

Carl Van Vechten Collection 2 1/2 linear ft. 1920-1950's

Carl Van Vechten (1880-1964), philanthropist, author, photographer, art critic, and bibliophile was a patron of the Harlem Renaissance artists. As a photographer, he made portraits of many of the noted personalities of the period. Many of these photographs are among "The Rose McClendon Memorial Collection of Photographs of Celebrated Negroes", which Van Vechten donated to the Moorland-Spingarn Collection in 1946. In addition to the photographs, Mr. Van Vechten also donated a collection of catalogs, programs, announcements and invitations documenting the contributions of African-Americans in dance, drama, literature, music, photography, and the visual arts. Among the collection is material about Romare Bearden, Lois Mailou Jones, Jacob Lawrence, Katherine Dunham, Janet Collins, The Howard Players, the Dillard University Players, and Duke Ellington.

Arthur B. Spingarn Papers 13 1/2 linear ft. 1914-1971

Arthur B. Spingarn (1878-1971), attorney, and a founder, Vice-President and President of NAACP, was a renowned bibliophile whose global search for materials spanned a thirty year period. Arthur Spingarn's extensive collection of books by Black authors was acquired by Howard University in 1946 (hence the library's name change from The Moorland Foundation to the Moorland-Spingarn Collection). Among the Arthur B. Spingarn Papers is a series (1 1/2 linear foot in size) of materials on Langston Hughes, including correspondence and drafts of the play, <u>Mule Bone</u>, by Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston.

Joel E. Spingarn Papers 4 linear ft. 1905-1967

Joel E. Spingarn (1875-1939), literary critic, editor and publisher, was a founder, President, and Treasurer of the NAACP. Among his papers is correspondence with Harlem Renaissance personalities; Jessie Fauset, Roland Hayes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, James Weldon and J. Rosamond Johnson. Of note is the correspondence of Langston Hughes with Joel and his wife, Amy Spingarn.

Benjamin G. Brawley Collection 1/2 linear ft. 1917-1936

Benjamin G. Brawley (1882-1931), a noted author and educator, taught English at Howard University, Morehouse College and Shaw University. The small collection of Benjamin Brawley includes correspondence with noted Harlem Renaissance personalities, Alain Locke, James Weldon Johnson and others.

Thomas Montgomery Gregory Papers 8 1/2 linear ft. 1811-1941

Thomas Montgomery Gregory (1880-1971), educator, dramatist, author, and coeditor with Alain Locke of <u>Plays of Negro Life</u>, was Head of the Department of Dramatic Art and Public Speaking at Howard University. Among his many contributions to the University was the founding in 1919 of "The Howard Players", which achieved great success in the United States and abroad. Among the Thomas Montgomery Gregory Papers is documentation on "The Howard Players" including correspondence, photographs, posters, scripts, programs, and publicity materials. There is also a small amount of material on Richard B. Harrison (1864-1935), the famous actor noted for his portrayal of "de Lawd" in the critically acclaimed stage and screen play, <u>Green Pastures</u>.

Angelina Weld Grimke Papers 8 linear ft. 1887-1958

Angelina Weld Grimke (1880-1958), author and educator, was a prolific writer of short stories, poetry and plays. She is most noted for her play, <u>Rachel</u>, published in 1921; and her poem, "The Black Finger", which was included in Alain Locke's anthology, <u>The New Negro</u>. The Angelina Grimke Papers include her writings in holograph, typescript, and published forms. In addition to her writings, the papers contain correspondence, photographs, diaries and scrapbooks.

Complementing the exhibition "A Stronger Soul Within a Finer Frame: Portraying African-Americans in the Black Renaissance" are two smaller exhibitions which were prepared by the staffs of Howard University Libraries and the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center:

Artists of the Harlem Renaissance Founders Library, Pirst Floor

Arthur P. Davis: Caretaker of the African-American Literary Tradition
Founders Library, Ground Floor

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