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Finding Aid to the R. Tal Russell Stage Drawings and Photographs Portfolio

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Russell, R. Tal, Stage Drawing and Photographs Portfolio, 1960-1963
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BIOGRAPHY

R. Tal Russell was born in Lake, Mississippi on May 31, 1931. Russell earned both his Bachelor of Fine Arts (1958) and his Master's (1959) degree at University of Arizona in Tucson AZ. He

then earned his Doctorate (1968) at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Prior to coming to NDSU in 1968, Tal Russell worked in many theatre positions and teaching positions, including High School Drama Teacher, Technical Director/Director of the Children's Theatre at American University, Summer Theatre owner (Arizona and Michigan), and Assistant Director of Student Activities at the University of Iowa. He joined NDSU as the Executive Director of Theatre in 1968. Russell directed productions and taught courses in acting, directing, history of theatre and dramatic criticism. During his tenure at NDSU, Russell also coordinated summer theatre workshops for North Dakota high school teachers. One of his major accomplishments was bringing to NDSU the North Dakota Repertory Theatre in 1981, which ran summers through the 1988 season. Russell retired and was named professor emeritus in 1989, following 21 years at NDSU. After retirement Russell ran a theatre company for Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ for five years. He passed away on May 4th of 2007 in Plantation, Florida.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The material in R. Tal Russell's portfolio was donated to the University Archives by Donald Larew, Professor Emeritus, Theatre Department, NDSU in 2001. The material, albeit incomplete, had been left in the department after Dr. Russell's retirement and Professor Larew felt it would be appropriate in the NDSU, University Archives. The drawing and photographs in the portfolio are from approximately 1960-1963, and were probably produced by Dr. Russell while he was the Technical Director/Director, Children's Theatre, American University, Washington, D.C., from 1960-1964.

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