Oliver Messel Schools' Resources

Oliver Messel: 20th Century Art & Design

The Art of the Theatre

OHM/1/1/4/7 - Black and white photograph of a scene from The Country Wife with two male and three female actors on stage, photograph by Vadnamm Studio, New York, c.1936

OHM/1/1/4/8 - Black and white photograph of a scene from The Country Wife withone male and tw0 female actors on stage, photograph by Vadnamm Studio, New York, c.1936

OHM/1/1/4/9 - Black and white photograph of a scene from The Country Wife with large numbers of the cast on stage, apparently attending a banquet, photograph by Vadnamm Studio, New York, c.1936

OHM/1/1/5/2 - Letter from Evelyn Williams at the Old Vic Theatre thanking Messel for returning his fee and promising to return the headdresses and feathers and offering to let Messel store and re-use the donkey's head from A Midsummer Night's Dream, 31st January 1938

OHM/1/1/5/3 - Piece of plastic, shaped and painted as Titania's bower from A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1953

OHM/1/1/5/5 - Black and white still photograph from A Midsummer Night's Dream showing Robert Helpmann as Oberon, photographer Gordon Anthony, c.1937

OHM/1/1/5/7-1 - Five copies of a coloured reproduction of Messel's sketch for the costume worn by Viven Leigh as Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1957

OHM/1/1/5/7-2 - Five copies of a coloured reproduction of Messel's sketch for the costume worn by Viven Leigh as Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream

OHM/1/1/5/8 – Copy of a coloured reproduction of Messel's sketch for the costume worn by Robert Helpmann in A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1937

OHM/1/1/5/10 - Coloured reproduction of a costume sketch by Messel for a classical warrior - possibly for Theseus in A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1937

OHM/1/1/5/11 - Four copies of a coloured reproduction of one of Messel's costume sketches, possibly for one of Titania's fairy attendants or for Helena or Hermia in A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1937

OHM/1/1/5/12 – Colour reproduction of one of Messel's costume sketches, possibly for one of the fairy creatures from A Midsummer Night's Dream, c.1937

OHM/1/1/5/13 - Coloured reproduction of Messel's set design for A Midsummer Night's Dream for Theseus' palace, c.1937

OHM/1/1/8/52 - Black and white photograph of Oliver Messel seated on the steps of the greenhouse set he designed for the play Ring Around the Moon, 26th January 1950

OHM/1/1/8/53 - Black and white photograph of Oliver Messel standing in the set he designed for the play Ring Around the Moon, c.1950

OHM/1/15/3 - Black and white proof photograph of the set of the play Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/15/4 - Black and white proof photo-collage relating to Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/15/5 - Black and white photograph still of one of the actresses from "Breath of Spring" (possibly Elspeth Duxbury) posing on the set, c.1958

OHM/1/15/6 - Black and white photograph still of Mary Merrell and Athene Seyler on the set of Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/15/7 - Black and white photograph still of Athene Seyler on the set of Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/1/15/8 - Black and white photograph still of Joan Sims in Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/1/15/9 - Black and white photograph still of Hazel Hughs in Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/15/10 - Black and white photograph still of Mary Merrall, Athene Seyler and Anthony Baird in Breath of Spring, c.1958

OHM/1/19/1 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with one of the female characters in front of a castle, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/2 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with one of the female characters in front of a castle with trees on either side in front of the castle walls, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/6 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with a female character standing in a village square, beside a tavern, looking up towards the castle tower, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/8 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with one of the female characters in front of a castle with trees on either side in front of the castle walls, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/9 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with a village tavern on the edge of a forest, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/10 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with one of the female characters in a forest, c.1965-66

OHM/1/19/13 - Black and white photograph of a set model from Twang!! with one of the female characters in the middle of a forest with a hollow tree trunk, c.1965-66

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/1 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for Gigi of a young girl in a white, knee-length dress with a blue sash, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/2 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for the character of Gigi of a long pale lavender dress with bright red and orange godets in the skirt, a red and orange sash and a rose at the base of the neckline, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/4 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a woman in a brown walking dress with blue piping and a white hat, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/9 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a dancing woman dressed in a blue striped blouse and blue skirt with white spots at the hem and a straw hat with purple and white flowers, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/11 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a woman in a yellow dress with white pleats and black fringe, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/13 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a woman in a black coat with a high collar, ruffled yoke and cuffs and a bright orange ribbon at the back, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/16 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a little girl in a blue dress with a pinafore of black and yellow checks on a grey background, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/25 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a soldier holding a small flag, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/29 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a woman selling balloons wearing a dark skirt, a navy or blue-grey and white striped shirt and an apron and holding balloons, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/36 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for an extra from Gigi of a nun riding a bicycle, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/42 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for Gigi of Gaston's lover Liane dancing with a man, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/62 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for Gigi for the character of Charles, a butler or manservant, c.1973

OHM/1/1/20/2/5/64 - Costume sketch by Oliver Messel for Gigi of one of the male extras, a flower seller, c.1973

OHM/1/3/9/10 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel for one of the Philistine women from the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/11 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel for one of Dalila's attendants from the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/13 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel for Samson from the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/14 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel for the character of Dalilah from the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/15 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel for the statue of the Philistine god Dagon as used in the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/17 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel showing the proposed scenery and chorus members for one of the scenes in the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/18 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel showing the proposed scenery and chorus members for one of the scenes in the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/20 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel showing the proposed scenery and chorus members for one of the scenes in the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/23 - Black and white photograph of Oliver Messel's set model for the oratorio Samson, showing the light effects that create the Philistine temple prior to its destruction by Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/25 - Black and white photograph of Oliver Messel's set model for the oratorio Samson, showing the light and backdrop effects that create the destruction of the temple, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/25b – Reverse of black and white photograph of Oliver Messel's set model for the oratorio Samson, showing the light and backdrop effects that create the destruction of the temple, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/27 - Black and white photograph of an actor (possibly Joan Carlyle) as Dalila in the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/30 - Black and white photograph of a scene from the oratorio Samson with Dalila surrounded by her attendants and Philistine women with Philistine soldiers and priests in the background, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/36 - Black and white photograph of the character of Harapha, the Philistine warrior, from the oratorio Samson, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/45 - Black and white photograph of a scene from the oratorio Samson with the blinded Samson surrounded by onlookers, with his father Manoah and the Philistine warrior Harapha looking on, c.1958

OHM/1/3/9/46 - Black and white photograph of a scene from the oratorio Samson with the blinded Samson surrounded by onlookers, with his father Manoah looking on, c.1958

OHM/1/4/2/8/8 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for Cleopatra in a formal robe and headdress, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/11 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for Cleopatra's costume from the scene with the letters, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/14 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's costumes, a formal robe with a head-dress with a cobra, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/14b – Reverse of black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's costumes, a formal robe with a head-dress with a cobra, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/15 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's costumes when she is visiting Rome, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/15b – Reverse of black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's costumes when she is visiting Rome, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/29 - Black and white photograph of a costume sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's costumes with a long draped dress, a winged scarab necklace and an elaborate head-dress topped with a cobra, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/39 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra, in her state crown, seated on a throne with the asp that will kill her, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/8/42 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's attendants holding a large fan, c.1943-19.46

OHM/1/4/2/8/43 - Black and white photograph of a sketch by Oliver Messel from the film Caesar and Cleopatra for one of Cleopatra's male attendants, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/26/1 - Black and white photograph taken during filming of Caesar and Cleopatra with Vivien Leigh on set in Cleopatra's bedroom, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/26/2 - Black and white photograph taken during filming of Caesar and Cleopatra with Vivien Leigh on set in Cleopatra's bedroom, c.1943-1946

OHM/1/4/2/31/2 - Black and white photograph of Claude Rains and Vivien Leigh as Caesar and Cleopatra in a still from the film Caesar and Cleopatra directed by Gabriel Pascal, photograph by Wilfred Newton, c.1946

OHM/1/4/2/31/3 - Black and white photograph of Claude Rains and Vivien Leigh as Caesar and Cleopatra in a still from the film Caesar and Cleopatra directed by Gabriel Pascal, photograph by Wilfred Newton, c.1946

OHM/1/4/2/31/4 - Black and white photograph of Claude Rains and Vivien Leigh as Caesar and Cleopatra in a still from the film Caesar and Cleopatra directed by Gabriel Pascal, photograph by Wilfred Newton, c.1946

OHM/1/4/2/31/5 - Black and white photograph of Vivien Leigh and Claude Rains as Cleopatra and Caesar in a still from the film Caesar and Cleopatra directed by Gabriel Pascal showing Caesar bidding farewell to Cleopatra at Memphis Palace, photograph by Wilfred Newton, c.1946