

## **Gift of Julie Rekai Rickerd, 2014**

**Dates:** 1944-2013

**Extent:** 24 boxes (3 metres)

**Scope and Content:** Contains material related to Rekai's career as a freelance journalist, actress, broadcaster, public relations officer and policy advisor, including: copies of published articles; holograph notes; newspaper clippings and photographs; numerous event invitations and programmes; travel-related ephemera; resumé and employment records; correspondence; as well as some personal material.

**Biographical Sketch:** Julie Rekai Rickerd is a Toronto-based freelance writer and journalist, who has also worked as an actress, broadcaster, communications consultant and policy advisor to the Canadian Government. She was born in Budapest, Hungary and immigrated to Canada in 1950, where she obtained a B.A. from York University and a M.A. in Political Science from the University of Toronto. Her articles on Canadian and international arts and culture have been published widely in newspapers like *The Globe and Mail* and *The Toronto Star* and in various magazines. More recently, JRR has worked for the Government of Canada as a communications consultant and policy advisor. She has travelled extensively as part of her various professional capacities and a large portion of her freelance writing relates to international travel.

Julie Rekai Rickerd is the daughter of Kati Rekai who was also a prolific journalist and promoter of the arts (**See Fisher MS Coll. 00536**), and surgeon John Rekai, who helped establish Toronto's Central Hospital in 1957. She is the wife of professor Donald Rickerd (now Associate Director of the Asian Business and Management Programme at York University).

### **Arrangement:**

**Series I:** Performance and broadcasting career

**Series II:** Freelance writing career

**Series III:** Government of Canada career

**Series IV:** Event programmes and invitations

**Series V:** Newspaper clippings and photographs

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**Series VI:** Travel-related material

**Series VII:** Personal material

**Series VIII:** Material related to Kati Rekai [mother]

**Series IX:** General correspondence

**Series X:** Miscellaneous material

**Related material:** Rekai, Kati papers – Fisher MS Coll. 00536.

<b>SERIES I: Performance and broadcasting career</b>			
<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
1: 1	Early acting career material	Clippings and photographs related to JRR's early acting career.	1960-1980
1: 2-4	Acting and performance contracts	Various contracts for stage performances, voice acting, and broadcasting roles.	1960-1980
1: 5	Resumé	Typescript copies of JRR's resumé including professional experience as: "Communications Consultant; Radio, Television and Stage Performer; Interviewer; Arts Critic; Journalist; Commentator."	[197-?]
1: 6	Letter re: employment in U.K.	1 holograph and 1 typescript letter.	1963 October 28
1: 7	Association of Canadian Radio and Television Artists work permit	Original work permit plus photocopy.	[1970?]

1: 8	Sheet music (for vocal performance?)	Sheet music (for vocal performance?), marked "Julie Reikai."	n.d.
1: 9-12	"By Persons Unknown" script	Typescript correction sheet for performance script.	n.d.
<b>Stratford Shakespeare Festival material</b>			
1: 13-14	Early Stratford Shakespeare Festival material	Typescript media releases, cast lists, announcements and other information from festival organizers.	1959-1961
1: 15	Stratford Shakespeare Festival correspondence	Letters from festival organizers re: JRR's involvement.	1959-1961
1: 16	Stratford Shakespeare / Shakespearean Festival programmes	Various programmes for events associated with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.	1960
1: 17	<i>The Story of the Stratford Festival 1953-1960</i>	1 pamphlet.	[1960?]
1: 18-19	Miscellaneous Shakespeare Stratford Festival material	Various flyers and promotional pamphlets.	Ca. 1970
1: 20	<i>Stratford Festival Souvenir Programme 2002</i>	1 programme.	2002
1: 21	John Neville: A Celebration	1 programme.	2012 July
1: 22-23	Early Stratford Festival material – newspaper clippings	Newspaper clippings related to Stratford Festival (reviews).	1953-1960
1: 24-26	<i>Time</i> magazine issues featuring Stratford Festival	Issues of <i>Time</i> magazine with articles about Stratford Festival.	1960

1: 27-28	Miscellaneous Shakespeare-related material	Print of a conjectural drawing of the Globe Playhouse, 1599-1613 by C. Walter Hodges; used wrapping paper?	n.d.
<b>General performing arts-related material</b>			
1: 29	<i>ActraScope</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>ActraScope</i> magazine (Vol. 5, No. 3).	1972
1: 30	Sauza of Tequila Mexico Arts Award material	Letter and application for Sauza of Tequila Mexico Arts Award, Ontario 1984 (coordinated by JRR); poster for 1985 award.	1984-1985
1: 31	ACTRA Awards recommendations	Sheet with names for nomination for ACTRA Awards, 1984-1985.	1984-1985
1: 32	The Great Gathering (Toronto Symphony) employment material	Employment contract and material related to JRR's employment with the Toronto Symphony promoting The Great Gathering concert, 9 March 1987.	1986 December 23
1: 33	<i>Bravo</i> magazine	1 copy of magazine, published by Roy Thompson Hall/National Theatre Publications Ltd (Toronto).	1986
1: 34	Gemstone Productions material	Programme and press kit for Gemstone Productions, a "Toronto based theatrical and motion picture production company."	1988
1: 35	Raggedy Ann & Andy press kit	Folder with typescript promotional material, from: Bob Dingilian.	[198-?]
2: 4 items	Festival of Festivals / Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) programmes	4 programmes (1992, 1991, 2009 and 2011).	1992-2011

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2: 1	“Just the Wind: A Film by Bence Fliegau”	Promotional booklet for film produced in Budapest, Germany, part of the 2011? Berlin International Film Festival.	[2011?]
2: 2-4	“The Blue Dragon” material	Material and correspondence for article about the stage production for “The Blue Dragon” (by Robert Lapage and Marie Michaud).	2012
<b>SERIES II: Freelance writing career</b>			
<b>Unpublished notes and correspondence</b>			
3: 9 items	Notebooks	9 notebooks/notepads with holograph notes on a variety of subjects.	n.d.
3: 1-7	Holograph notes	Holograph notes on a variety of subjects.	n.d.
3: 8	Holograph notes re: museum exhibitions?	Holograph notes on museum exhibitions (for travel article?)	n.d.
3: 9	“Greece assaults both the senses and the intellect...”	Typescript copy of travel article on Greece.	n.d.
3: 10	Correspondence re: freelance writing	Letters between JRR and various publications re: freelance writing.	1970-1999
<b>Lifestyle writing (published) (*see also Series V: Newspaper clippings)</b>			
3: 11	<i>The Spark</i> article material	1 issue of <i>The Spark</i> (Vol. 8, No. 5, Winter 1977), published by the [Toronto] Central Hospital, featuring a piece by JRR on the Honan Provincial Hospital in China; copies of photographs (7) used in article.	1977

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3: 12-14	Book reviews for <i>Canadian Book Review Annual</i>	Copies of various book reviews by JRR for the <i>Canadian Book Review Annual</i> .	1984-2004
4: 1	<i>Financial Post Magazine</i>	1 issue of <i>Financial Post Magazine</i> with article by JRR flagged.	1971 November
4: 2	<i>Avenue</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Avenue</i> magazine.	1985 July
4: 3	<i>Gardening Life</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Gardening Life</i> magazine with short article by JRR flagged.	1999
4: 4	<i>Canadian Interiors</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Canadian Interiors</i> magazine with article by JRR flagged.	2000 November
4: 5	<i>The Brazilian Carnival Ball</i> magazine	1 issue of magazine with article by JRR flagged.	2000
4: 6-9	<i>Wellness Options</i> magazine	3 issues of <i>Wellness Options</i> magazine with articles by JRR flagged.	2000-2001
<b>Travel writing, published (*see also Series V: Newspaper clippings)</b>			
4: 10	<i>Flight Lines</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Flight Lines</i> magazine with page with article by JRR flagged.	1999-2000
4: 11-12	<i>Canadian Traveler</i> magazine	2 issues of <i>Canadian Traveler</i> magazine with pages with articles by JRR flagged.	2000
<b>Performing arts writing, published (*see also Series V: Newspaper clippings)</b>			

5: 1-4	<i>Performing Arts in Canada</i> magazine	4 issues of <i>Performing Arts in Canada</i> magazine with articles by JRR flagged.	1977-1991
5: 5-11	<i>Lighting Dimensions</i> magazine	7 issues of <i>Lighting Dimension: The Magazine for the Lighting Professional</i> magazine with articles by JRR flagged.	1996-2002
5: 12-21	<i>Lighting &amp; Sound America</i> magazine	10 issues of <i>Lighting and Sound America</i> magazine with articles by JRR flagged.	2005-2012
5: 22	<i>Theatre Craft</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Theatre Craft</i> magazine with article by JRR flagged.	2002 November
6: 8 items	<i>Theatre Crafts International (TCi)</i> magazine	8 issues of <i>Theatre Crafts International (TCi)</i> magazine with articles by JRR flagged.	1994-1998
6: 2 items	<i>Entertainment Design</i> magazine	2 issues of <i>Entertainment Design</i> magazine with pages with articles by JRR flagged.	2000
<b>SERIES III: Government of Canada career</b>			
7: 1-6	Government of Canada employment material	Correspondence and copies of contracts concerning JRR's employment with the Government of Canada, arranged by decade.	1970-2012
7: 7-12	Ambassador for the Environment (Gilbert Parent) employment material	Material related to JRR's employment by the Ambassador for the Environment, Gilbert Parent.	ca. 2005
7: 13-15	Public Works and Government Services Canada orientation binder	Orientation material for Public Works and Government Services department (PWGSC).	ca. 2005

7: 16	Resumé	Typescript resumé with JRR's professional experience, up to and including December 2006.	2006
7: 17	Application for Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB)	Correspondence and copies of application for membership for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IBC).	2008
<b>SERIES IV: Event programmes and invitations</b>			
8: 1-16	Event programmes	Various event programmes, arranged by decade.	1944-1980
9: 1-17	Event programmes	Various event programmes, arranged by decade.	1980-2012
10: 1-10	Invitations (professional and personal)	Various invitations, arranged by decade.	1960-2012
<b>SERIES V: Newspaper clippings and photographs</b>			
11: 1	<i>Illustrierte Berliner Zeitung</i>	1 issue of newspaper (German).	1958 October 4
11: 2	<i>TV Topics</i>	2 issues of <i>TV Topics</i> magazine by <i>The Globe &amp; Mail</i> .	[196-?]
11: 3	<i>TV Guide</i>	1 issue of <i>TV Guide</i> .	1960 July
11: 4	"Ideology and Environment in New France" by John Conway	1 copy of article by John Conway, reprinted from <i>The Centennial Review</i> , Vol 10, No. 4 (Fall 1966).	1966
11: 5-27	Newspaper clippings	Newspaper and magazine clippings of articles by or about JRR, arranged by decade.	1950-2012



11: 28-30	<i>Toronto Life</i> magazine	3 issues of <i>Toronto Life</i> magazine: 1975 February; 1986 November; 1996 November.	1975-1996
11: 31	<i>Frank</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Frank</i> magazine.	1991 June 27
11: 32	<i>Zorodov!</i> magazine	1 issue of <i>Zorodov!</i> ("The Magazine of Ukrainian Things", published in Toronto).	1999
11: 33	Miscellaneous photographs and negatives	10 photographs; 1 set of negatives.	n.d.
12	Oversize newspaper clippings	Newspaper and magazine clippings of articles by or about JRR, arranged by decade.	1960-2012
<b>SERIES VI: Travel-related material</b>			
13: 1-3	Europe travel material	Pamphlets, maps and guidebooks for various European cities; travel itineraries; receipts from trip to London (ca. 1963).	[1963-1975?]
13: 4	Iran travel material	Pamphlets, maps and guidebooks for Shiraz, Iran.	[1975?]
13: 5	Aspen-Persepolis symposium material	Programmes for Aspen-Persepolis Symposium, "Iran: Past and Present."	1975 September
13: 6	Africa travel material	Pamphlets and map for Cote D'Ivoire.	[197-?]
13: 7	"Banjala: A Stranger in Africa" by Jacob Gelt Dekker	1 copy of softcover book about African youth.	1999

13: 8	Antarctica trip slide	32 slides from trip to Antarctica, with holograph captions.	1999 May 10
13: 9-10	Caribbean cruise material	Daily newsletters from cruise ship.	2009
13: 11-15	Mediterranean cruise material	Daily newsletters from cruise ship; promotional travel material for Greece and Turkey.	2012
14: 1-5	Panama Canal cruise material	Daily newsletters and menus from cruise ship; promotional travel material for Panama Canal region.	2012
14: 6-13	Alaska / China / Japan cruise material	Daily newsletters from cruise ship; promotional travel material for Alaska, China and Japan.	[2013?]
14: 14	USS North Carolina material	1 pamphlet about battleship North Carolina (BB-55), compiled by Captain Ben. W. Blee; flyer for tourist attraction.	n.d.
14: 15-18	Miscellaneous travel material	Typescript letter re: trip to China; itineraries for various trips; China pamphlet and guidebook; certificate from Antarctica (1999); certificate from Sintra, Portugal (1998); miscellaneous ticket stubs.	1978-1999
14: 19-20	<i>Sutton Place Hotel Magazine</i>	2 issues of Sutton Place Hotel Magazine.	[198-?]
<b>SERIES VII: Personal material</b>			
15: 1	Baptism certificate	Photocopy of baptism certificate from Budapest, Hungary.	1992

15: 2	Immigration identification cards	Photocopies of immigration identification cards for Jean Re kai, Catherine Re kai and Julienne Re kai, dated 25 May 1950.	1950 May 25
15: 3	International certificates of immunization	Booklet with immunization records for JR.	1956-1966
15: 4	Various membership cards	Membership cards for various organizations, including: Bishop Strachan School Association; Toronto Heliconian Club; Toronto Women's Liberal Association; Union des artistes; Canadian Wildlife Federation; International Fund for Animal Welfare; St. John Ambulance, and others.	[1960-2000?]
15: 5	Certificate of appreciation from Moorelands Community Services	Certificate from Moorelands Community Services, signed by director Patricia Jacobs.	2013 April 23
15: 6	Various identification cards	Ontario Driver's license, Blue Cross card, Mutual Life Insurance plan card.	1985-1991
15: 7-13	Passports	7 expired passports for years 1967-2012.	1967-2012
15: 14	Tax letter	1 typescript letter re: tuition amounts for 1967 income tax return.	1968 November 12
15: 2 items	Day-planners	2 bound day-planners with holograph notes, 1964 and 1967.	1964-1967
15: 15	Press passes and ID badges	30 media passes / identification badges for various events.	[1960-2012?]
<b>School-related material</b>			

15: 16-21	Early schoolbooks	Holograph notebooks with exercises and drawings in English and French.	1952-1955
16: 1	Neuchatel Junior College yearbook	1 copy of college year book (JRR pictured on p. 9).	1960-1961
16: 2-4	Bishop Strachen School material	Programmes and newsletters from Bishop Strachen School.	1963-1985
16: 5-6	York University material	York University registration cards (1964-1966); typescript letters re: convocation.	1964-2007
16: 7	“Modernization” – university Political Science paper	Copy of typescript paper written for Political Science 346 class (York University?).	n.d.
16: 8-10	York University publications	York University student directory, 1966-67; Pro Tem (York University Newspaper), 1966; Communique (York Alumni Magazine), 1973 and 1974.	1966-1974
<b>SERIES VIII: Kati Rekai material</b>			
17: 1	Business cards	2 business cards for Kati Rekai.	n.d.
17: 2	“The Adventures of Mickey, Taggy, Puppo and Cica....” promotional booklet	Spiral bound promotional booklet for children’s travel books by Kati Rekai (photocopies of reviews, letters from noteworthy supporters and fans). Also includes photocopy of Kati Rekai’s CV.	n.d.
17: 3	<i>Arias</i> magazine	Copy of <i>Arias</i> magazine, with advertisements for Kati Rekai’s travel books (flagged).	1988

17: 4-6	Newspaper clippings	Newspaper clippings of articles by or about Kati Rekai.	1970-2000
17: 7	<i>Children's Book News</i>	1 copy of <i>Children's Book News</i> (Vol. 15, No. 1) featuring short article on Kati Rekai's book exhibitions.	1992
17: 8-11	Canadian book exhibitions material	Correspondence and other material related to series of Canadian book exhibitions organized by Kati Rekai.	1990-2000
17: 12	Kati Rekai correspondence re: exhibitions	Correspondence between Kati Rekai and various bodies concerning Canadian book exhibitions. Some correspondents include: members of the Writer's Union of Canada; Michael Small (Ambassador of Canada to Cuba); Central Library of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and others.	2000s
1 item	Kati Rekai Enterprises Inc. corporation register	Bound book with records for Kati Rekai Enterprises.	ca. 1980
17: 13	Kati Rekai Enterprises shareholder certificates	3 signed shareholder certificates; bound book with unused certificates.	1980 November
17: 14	Kati Rekai correspondence, general	Miscellaneous correspondence to/from Kati Rekai.	1979-2006
18	Kati Rekai Enterprises Inc. miscellaneous material	Circular iron embossing stamp: "Kati Rekai Enterprises Inc. Ontario Corporation."; 2 rubber stamps.	n.d.
<b>SERIES IX: General correspondence</b>			
19: 1-80	Correspondence A-P	Personal and professional correspondence between JRR and various individuals, arranged alphabetically (telegrams; holograph, typescript and word processed letters).	1960-2012

20: 1-63	Correspondence P-Z	Personal and professional correspondence (telegrams, holograph, typescript and word processed letters) between JRR and various individuals, arranged alphabetically.	1960-2012
21: 1-14	Correspondence, miscellaneous	Mostly personal correspondence between JRR and various individuals not identified, arranged by decade (telegrams; holograph, typescript and word processed letters).	1960-2012
21: 15-16	Correspondence, unidentified	Miscellaneous correspondence, lacking identifiable names and dates (holograph, typescript and word processed letters).	1960-2012
21: 17-25	Correspondence, personal	Miscellaneous correspondence from friends and family members(?) (holograph letters and cards).	1960-2012
21: 26-27	Correspondence re: Spadina subway route	Correspondence between JRR and members of Toronto city government re: plans for Spadina subway route (typescript letters).	ca. 1973
21: 28-29	Contacts	"Telephone Blue Book," notebook with holograph notes; WP list of press(?) contacts.	[1960-2012?]
22: 1-18	Correspondence, greeting cards and postcards	Miscellaneous holiday and greeting cards; postcards, various dates.	1960-2012
23	Correspondence, business cards	250+ business cards from various contacts, arranged by JRR.	[1960-2012?]

<b>SERIES X: Miscellaneous material</b>			
24: 1	Elvis Presley souvenir photo album	1 copy of Elvis Presley promotional booklet.	1956
24: 1 item	<i>Föltisztul az ég</i> by Székely Molnár Imre	1 copy of book by Székely Molnár Imre, with dust jacket (fragile/damaged).	1965
24: 2	<i>London In The Thirties</i>	1 copy of booklet by Alice Prochaska, published by the London Museum.	1973
24: 3-4	Ontario College of Art material	1 academic calendar and information booklet.	1974-1975
24: 5	<i>Curiouser and Curiouser (Alice Goes Underground)</i>	1 pamphlet published by AURA at the Ontario College of Art. Vol. 1, No. 4, marked number 8 of 999.	1975
24: 6	<i>Christie's in Canada</i>	1 copy of catalogue for Christie's sale, 8 May 1975, with ms annotations on pages 55-73.	1975 May
24: 7	<i>The Honor Roll: Emerging Writers, Mentors and Commissioned Writers 2005-2009 (Diaspora Dialogues)</i>	1 pamphlet.	2005
24: 8	Todd English menus	4 menus by chef Todd English.	2011-2012
24: 9-14	Miscellaneous material	Miscellaneous pamphlets, posters, unidentifiable notes, unused baseball tickets, and other material.	[1950-2012?]