



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
NDWT Theatre Company**

**Inventory #F0201**

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## F0201 - NDWT Theatre Company

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0201

**Title:** NDWT Theatre Company

**Dates:** 1976-1978, predominant 1977

**Extent:** 0.29 m of textual materials  
51 photographs and contact sheets : b&w ; 20.5 x 24.5 cm and smaller. -- 157  
photographic negatives : b&w ; 35mm.

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** The NDWT Theatre Company was founded by director Keith Turnbull (b.1944-) and playwright James Reaney (1926-2008) and based out of the Bathurst Street Theatre in Toronto. The theatre company acronym is occasionally attributed as the "Ne'er-Do-Well Thespians". The company operated between January 1975 to January 1982, and is perhaps best known for mounting and touring James Reaney plays across Canada, including "The Donnellys" trilogy in 1975 and four more Reaney plays from 1976 to 1981 as well as works by other writers, including Gordon Pengilly. In 1979 it toured the revue, "Northern Delights" to northern Aboriginal communities in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of manuscript drafts and production photographs of the 1976 production of James Reaney's "The Dismissal" by the NDWT Theatre Company at the Hart House Theatre, as directed by Keith Turnbull and co-directed by Lester Kohalmi. The play is based on the 1896 student strike at the University of Toronto.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000201.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1987-005. No further accruals are expected.

**Associated Material:** Related materials can be found in the James Reaney fonds at the University of Western Ontario, and the NDWT theatre company fonds at the University of Guelph.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Donated by Lester Kohalmi in 1987.

**Provenance Access Points:** Kohalmi, Lester  
Reaney, James, 1926-2008