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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Eleanor Wachtel fonds
ID:	MsC 21
Date:	1977-1987 (date of creation)
Physical description:	94 cm of textual records 107 audio reels
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eleanor Wachtel, CM is a Canadian writer and broadcaster. She currently hosts the weekly literary show *Writers and Company* on CBC Radio One. She was born and raised in Montreal, where she took a B.A. in English literature at McGill University. Wachtel lived for a time in the United States and Kenya, and then in the mid-'70s worked as a freelance writer and broadcaster in Vancouver. She has co-edited two books: *The Expo Story* (1986), and *Language in Her Eye* (1990), and is the co-author of *A Feminist Guide to the Canadian Constitution* (1992). In 1993, Knopf Canada published a selection of interviews called *Writers and Company*; *More Writers and Company* was published in the fall of 1996. In spring 2003, HarperCollins brought out another selection, *Original Minds*. Wachtel is a contributor to the best-seller, *Dropped Threads* (2001), co-edited by Carol Shields, and *Lost Classics* (2000), co-edited by Michael Ondaatje et al. In 2007, she published *Random Illuminations: Conversations With Carol Shields*. For five years she was Adjunct Professor of Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University. In the fall of 1987, Wachtel moved to Toronto to work full-time as Literary Commentator on CBC Stereo's *State of the Arts*, and then as writer-broadcaster for *The Arts Tonight*, and Toronto reporter for *The Arts Report*. She was host of *The Arts Tonight* from 1996 to 2007, and has been host of CBC Radio's *Writers & Company* since its inception in 1990. In 1995 and again in 2003, *Writers & Company* won the CBC Award for Programming Excellence for the best weekly show broadcast nationally. In 2002, Eleanor Wachtel was named winner of the Jack Award for the promotion of Canadian books. Wachtel has received six honorary degrees. In 2005, Wachtel was named a member of the Order of Canada.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of typescripts and audio reels of CBC radio reviews of stage plays, motion pictures, children's books and popular culture events and festivals, especially those held in the Lower Mainland area of B.C. Fonds also includes related publicity materials.

Notes

Title notes

Finding aids

Printed inventory available.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
 - Level of detail: Partial
 - Status description: Published
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Access points

- Wachtel, Eleanor (subject)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Sound recording (documentary form)
 - Arts and culture (subject)
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Series descriptions
