



## FINDING AID: SELWYN THEATRE HISTORIC RENOVATION

### Collection Overview

**Identifier:** 2013.260.1

**Inclusive Dates:** 1980 - 2000

**Extent:** 25 boxes

### Scope and Content

The collection consists of six series covering architectural, construction, administrative, urban planning, publicity, and photographic aspects of the renovation. The Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation Collection incorporates institutional files as well as project files donated by the primary architect of record, Karlsberger, which ceased business operation in 2011.

**Access Restrictions:** The collection is open and accessible to researchers. As the materials relate to a prominent building in the Times Square corridor of New York City, particulars in design specifications, plans, elevations, and financials are restricted. For detailed information regarding use of this collection, please contact the Roundabout Theatre Archives at [archives@roundabouttheatre.org](mailto:archives@roundabouttheatre.org) or by calling 212-719-9393.

### Library of Congress Subject Headings

Theaters--Conservation and restoration [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh85134580](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85134580)]  
 Roundabout Theatre Company [[info:lc/authorities/names/n84002005](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n84002005)]  
 Selwyn Theatre (Organization : New York) [[info:lc/authorities/names/n2011060740](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n2011060740)]  
 Selwyn, Archibald, 1877-1959 [[info:lc/authorities/names/no2011020824](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2011020824)]  
 Selwyn, Edgar, 1875-1944 [[info:lc/authorities/names/n88226342](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n88226342)]  
 Haimes, Todd [[info:lc/authorities/names/no2002112535](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2002112535)]  
 Design Collective Architects [[info:lc/authorities/names/no2012022091](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2012022091)]  
 Levy, Julia C. [[info:lc/authorities/names/no2009130095](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2009130095)]  
 New York City history and culture [[info:lc/authorities/names/n98066373](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n98066373)]  
 Forty-second Street (New York, N.Y.) [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh93000672](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh93000672)]  
 Theater in community development [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh2008006698](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh2008006698)]  
 Theater--New York (State)--New York--History--20th century [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh2008112860](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh2008112860)]  
 Theaters--New York (State) [[info:lc/authorities/subjects/sh85134598](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85134598)]  
 American Airlines [[info:lc/authorities/names/n50073506](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n50073506)]  
 Karlsberger and Associates (Columbus, Ohio) [[info:lc/authorities/names/n90652710](https://www.loc.gov/authorities/names/n90652710)]

### Parent Collection

Selwyn Theatre Renovation Press

### Collection Contents

Series 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation -Press

This portion of the Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation consists of press clippings and reproductions of internet articles related to the revitalization of 42nd Street, primarily focused on the years 1996-2002.

Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Press

Folder 1: Selwyn Theatre Folder 1  
 Folder 2: Selwyn Theatre Folder 2  
 Folder 3: Selwyn Theatre Folder 3  
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 Folder 5: Selwyn Theatre Folder 5  
 Folder 6: Selwyn Theatre Folder 6



## Series 2: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural

### Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 1

This series includes architect Karlsberger Design Collective's complete job specification packets. These packets provide detailed specifications for all design aspects. Job identification numbers assigned by the architects are included in the folder description and are used throughout the documentation to connect architectural and construction phases of the renovation per construction guidelines.

### Box 2: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 2

Architectural specification packets, plans, elevations, technical specification notes, and drawings.

### Box 3: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 3

Architectural documents include plans, elevations, technical specification notes, and specification packets.

### Box 4: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 4

Architectural documents include plans, elevations, technical specification notes, and specification packets.

### Box 5: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 5

Architectural elevations, plans, and drawings depicting aspects of the renovation at staggered phases. Primarily includes demolition and proposed, non-finished drawings for A, E, L, SI, SK, and TS series; includes model renderings, lighting and electric series packets, and street zoning around 42nd Street.

### Box 6: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Architectural 6

Architectural elevations, plans, and drawings depicting aspects of the renovation at staggered phases; includes preliminary design through signed DOB copies.

## Series 3: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction

This series covers construction aspects of the Selwyn renovation, including contractor and subcontractor contracts, design and work order elements, correspondence, and scope of project determinations.

### Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 1

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), contracts, scope of work, and general correspondence.

### Box 2: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 2

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), contracts, scope of work, and general correspondence.

### Box 3: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 3

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), contracts, scope of work, and general correspondence.

### Box 4: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 4

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), contracts, scope of work, and general correspondence.

### Box 5: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 5

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), contracts, scope of work, and general correspondence.

### Box 6: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 6

Construction elements (including interior/exterior), change orders, bids, certificates of insurance, construction minutes, and budget adjustments (1998-1999).

### Box 7: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 7

Construction elements related to storefront design and door installation, includes subsequent issues with installation.

### Box 8: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Construction 8

Construction samples for various build elements, includes loose terrazzo marble tiles, exposed tee systems (section 9510.02), paint samples, brass men's room signage, general toilet countertop tile, custom seating fabric swatch for fixed seating, VIP lounge furniture wood sample, Serota Sign aluminum samples, toilet accessories (section 10155.06), and ceiling panel samples (section 9510.04).

## Series 4: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative

This series covers administrative aspects of the renovation, including financials, budgets, original architect and consultant contracts,



correspondence, draft and finalized leases, working with the Historic Preservation Committee, and donor relations.

**Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 1**

Box includes negotiations with sponsor American Airlines and original contracts and correspondence with architects and consultants.

**Box 2: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 2**

Box includes full series of donor plaques, seat naming, marble step plaques, artistic sponsorship, and various aspects of the capital campaign launch (website redesign).

**Box 3: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 3**

Box includes New 42nd Street lease finals and drafts, letter of intent, historic preservation guidelines, Historic Preservation Committee correspondence and Palisades Films documentary film documentation.

**Box 4: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 4**

Box includes City of New York, Department of Business Services construction contracts, Capis ID PV467-A1 and PV467-AM, including correspondence and pass through documentation generated by project manager Denham Wolf.

**Box 5: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 5**

Box includes City of New York, Department of Design and Construction pass through correspondence, budgets and finance, and fundraising.

**Box 6: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Administrative 6**

Box includes tour and event documentation leading up to opening of American Airlines Theatre.

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**Series 5: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Urban Planning**

This series covers the preliminary work of the New 42nd Street redevelopment as it relates to Roundabout Theatre, including correspondence with developers, New 42nd Street Development Project advisory reports, Environmental Impact Statements, various news articles on the project and the zoned areas, and correspondence. Reports and documentation include site evaluations, historical facts about the Times Square neighborhood including statistics on crime and public use, historical facts about the theaters identified for renovation, and proposals and planning documentation behind Roundabout's ultimate lease on the Selwyn Theatre.

**Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - New 42nd Street**

Box includes early information and planning materials generated by the New 42nd Street Redevelopment Project with attendant correspondence and press.

Folder 1: Selwyn Folder 338

Folder 2: Selwyn Folder 339

**Series 6: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Photographic**

This series contains photo and media documentation, including extensive documentation of renovation in photograph and video formats.

**Box 1: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Photographic Documentation Box 1**

This box contains pre-construction, progress and final photograph slides and prints featuring interior and exterior renovation of the



Selwyn Theatre.

Box 2: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Photographic Box 2

Box contains 8 x 10 color and black and white prints of progress and finished renovation of select areas.

Box 3: Selwyn Theatre Historic Renovation - Photographic Box 3

Box contains 2 binders with (Binder 1) 3.5 x 5 color prints featuring pre-construction and (Binder 2) 8.5 x 11 color reproductions of finished construction.