A Masque of "Ours": The Rise of Pageantry in America

"A Masque of 'Ours': The Gods and the Golden Bowl" was performed on June 22, 1905 at the estate of Augustus Saint-Gaudens to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Cornish Colony. It marked the beginning of pageantry in America; a movement that reached its apex a decade later with the production of tremendous civic pageants featuring thousands of actors and attracting hundreds of thousands of spectators. Drawing on the MacKaye Family Papers and the Augustus Saint-Gaudens Papers, this exhibition examines pageantry's growth and its evolution as a social and political force.

The exhibition was curated by Jay Satterfield and was on display in the Class of 1965 Galleries from June 10, 2005-July 29, 2005. Most of the materials in this exhibition come from the MacKaye Family Papers (ML-5). The full finding aid is available online.

Materials Included in the Exhibition

| Case Title | Materials included |
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| Case 1. | William Chauncey Langdon, |
| | "America, Like England, Has |
| | Become Pageant Mad," New York |
| | Times, June 15, 1913. MacKaye |
| | Family Papers, box 128, folder 1 |
| | 2. American Pageant League |
| | organizational chart, 1913. |
| | MacKaye Family Papers, box 128, |
| | folder 1 |
| | 3. American Pageant Association, |
| | "Who's Who in Pageantry," May |
| | 1914. MacKaye Family Papers, box |
| | 120, folder 13 |
| | 4. Constance Cary Harrison, |
| | "American Rural Festivals," |
| | Century Magazine 50 (July 1895): |
| | 323-333. MacKaye Family Papers, |
| | "Pageants, 1895-1915" scrapbook |
| | 5. Percy MacKaye, "Pageants, 1895- |
| | 1915" scrapbook. MacKaye Family |
| | Papers |
| | 6. Steele MacKaye, "Paul Kauvar" |
| | scrapbook. MacKaye Family Papers |
| | 7. Charles Harrison, <i>Theatricals and</i> |
| | Tableaux Vivants for Amateurs. |
| | London: L. Upcott Gill, 1882. |
| | Library General Collections |
| | 8. Sidney Gifford and Seymour Stone, |
| | "The Pilgrims at Plymouth; 1620- |

| | 21 Represented in Tableaux." Syracuse: Onondaga Historical Association, 1897. Library General Collections |
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| Case 2. | Photograph of "The Golden Bowl." <u>Augustus Saint-Gaudens Papers</u> (ML-4), box 61, folder 39 Maxfield Parrish to Augustus Saint-Gaudens, n.d. <u>Augustus Saint-Gaudens Papers (ML-4)</u> box 13, |
| | folder 19 3. Robin MacKaye to Augustus Saint-Gaudens, 20 September 1906. Augustus Saint-Gaudens Papers (ML-4), box 13, folder 19 |
| | 4. Invitation addressed to Witter Bynner, n.d. <u>Augustus Saint-Gaudens Papers (ML-4)</u> , box 4 folder 10 |
| | 5. List of participants in "Masque of 'Ours." Fairchild-Fuller Papers, box 7, folder 45 (For Reference, see Rauner Ref Z6616.F84 D37) |
| | 6. Louise Cox, pages from photo album depicting "Masque of 'Ours," (facsimile). Louise Cox Photo Album, MS 678 |
| | 7. "A Masque of 'Ours': The Gods and the Golden Bowl," playbill, 20 June 1905. Cornish: Cornish Colony, 1905. Rauner Broadside Collection |
| | 8. Henry Brown Fuller, sketches for "A Masque of 'Ours.'" Fairchild-Fuller Papers, box 7, folder 110 (For Reference, see Rauner Ref Z6616.F84 D37) |
| | 9. "The Pageant and Masque of Saint Louis," Bulletin number 2, March 1914. MacKaye Family Papers, box 89, folder 11 |
| | 10. Marion MacKaye, diary entry, 25 June 1905. MacKaye Family Papers, UP 118, box 10 11. Percy MacKaye, "The Pageant and |

| | Masque of Saint Louis," first movement. MacKaye Family papers, "St. Louis Pageant" scrapbook 12. "The Pageant and Masque of Saint Louis," poster, May 1914. MacKaye Family Papers, "St. Louis Pageant" scrapbook 13. Photographs showing set and enactment of "The Pageant and Masque of Saint Louis." MacKaye Family Papers, box 97, folder 4 |
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| Case 3. | 1. Hazel MacKaye, "The Pageant-Procession and Allegory Presented in Washington, March 3, 1913." MacKaye Family Papers, box 128, folder 20 2. Hazel Mackaye, "10 Great Tableaux," broadside, May 1915. MacKaye Family Papers, box 128, folder 20 3. Hazel MacKaye, "Susan B. Anthony" notebooks, volumes 1 and 2, 1915. MacKaye Family Papers, box 132, folder 13 4. Hazel MacKaye, "Susan B. Anthony" memoranda book, 1915. MacKaye Family Papers, box 132, folder 13 5. Hazel MacKaye, "Americanization via Pageantry," typescript, [1919]. MacKaye Family Papers, box 128, folder 2 6. "Woman Suffrage Procession," Official Program, Washington D.C., 3 March 1913. MacKaye Family Papers, box 120, folder 13 7. "The New Vision," program, 29 June 1916. MacKaye Family Papers, box 120, folder 13 8. "Anthony Pageant to Go on the |
| | Road," Washington Sunday Star, December 12, 1915. MacKaye Family Papers, box 132, folder 11 9. "Pageant of the Paterson Strike," |

| Survey 30 (June 28, 1913): 428. Library General Collections |
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