

**America  
on  
Stage**

200 years  
of the  
performing  
arts

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September 25, 1975

Miss Laura Gilpin  
409 Camino del Monte Sol  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin,

In honor of the national Bicentennial, the Kennedy Center and IBM are preparing an exhibition which will be on display here at the Center from December of this year through the end of 1976. "America on Stage" will be a major exhibition dealing with many facets of the performing arts in America. There will be displays devoted to the Chautauqua circuits, the circus, theater architecture, ballet, modern dance, vaudeville, opera, classical and popular music, jazz and, of course, drama. We are collecting photographs, posters and other memorabilia relating to all these subjects.

In doing research at the Denver Public Library, I came across your lovely picture of Lillian Gish as Camille at Centre City. We would like to use this picture in the exhibition, either in the section devoted to regional theaters or in a photo-maze in the center of the exhibition which will carry large blow-ups of selected pictures. The source of the photograph would, of course, be credited.

If you agree that we may use this picture, you should send a letter granting permission directly to Eleanor Gehres, Head of the Western History Department at the Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, 80203. If you could let us know also we would be most appreciative.

Thank you so much for your help. Please feel free to call me collect if you have any questions about the exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

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