

MAYA collection level description

## Reference code

MAYA

## Title

Maya Chowdhry Collection

## Extent

3 boxes

## Level of description

Collection

## Name of creator

Maya Chowdhry

## Administrative/biographical history

Maya Chowdhry was born in Edinburgh, and grew up in Scotland. Her career began in filmmaking, but she moved on to publish short fiction, poetry and plays. She is an interactive artist and uses interactive and digital media to make her work more participatory, and has used the internet to make her work more accessible. Maya Chowdhry has run workshops for young people, and has worked on art for health issues. Her experience in theatre includes a residency working with musicians and dancers. She has written on the experiences of Asian women, and on lesbian relationships.

This collection focuses on her plays and theatre productions, as well as including books which feature her work.

## Archival history

This collection is part of the The South Asian Diaspora Literature and Arts Archive (SALIDAA) which was founded in 1999. The aim was to preserve sources and information about the contribution of the South Asian community to literature and arts in Britain.

## Immediate source of acquisition

SALIDAA deposited part of their archive with Brunel University Special Collections.

## Scope and content

Collection includes material relating to Maya Chowdhry's research and progression of her literary work, plays and published items.

## Dates

1991 – 2006.

## System of arrangement

Numbered files and folders.

## Access conditions

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Available to researchers, by appointment. Access to archive material is subject to preservation requirements and must also conform to the restrictions of the Data Protection Act and any other appropriate legislation.

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### Language of material

English.

### Physical characteristics

Collection includes photographs, flyers, publicity information issued by theatres, newspapers cuttings, CDs, some administrative information, resource pack and worksheets for "Playing with fire," and Maya Chowdhry's notebooks. It includes scripts of plays and extracts from scripts. There are also published items.

### Finding aids

A finding aid is available for manuscript material.

Published works such as poetry, plays, short fiction and articles may be found on the [Brunel University Library catalogue](#).

### Archivist's note

Described by Paula Gerrard. Edited and amended by Katie Flanagan.

### Rules or conventions

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### Date(s) of description

March 2013

### Indexing

#### Subjects

Literature

Poetry

Plays

Creative writing

Art therapy

#### Persons

Aron, Pal.

Boyce, Sonia, 1962-

Brake, Jane.

Burman, Chila Kumari.

Chowdhry, Maya.

Clinton, Michele.

Cook, Katie.

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Evans, Joan.  
Fox, Helen.  
Ghose, Nandita.  
Jayawickrama, Sharanya.  
Nagra, Parminder, 1975-  
Naoko-Pilgrim, Anita.  
Patel, Vandana.  
Saikia, Dipli.  
Zaidi, Ali.

### Corporate bodies

Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.  
Asian Arts Exchange Theatre Group.  
BBC 4.  
BBC Radio 4.  
Bradford in the Mill.  
Capital Gay  
Channel 4 TV (Great Britain)  
Commonword Workshop  
conTEXTonline  
Cottesloe Theatre  
CRE see Great Britain. Commission for Racial Equality  
Crocus.  
Crucible Theatre (Sheffield, England). (Crucible Studio.)  
Derby Playhouse Studio Theatre  
Glasgow Anti Racist Alliance  
Glasgow City Council Education Services  
Great Britain. Commission for Racial Equality  
ICA see Institute of Contemporary Arts (London, England)  
Institute of Contemporary Arts (London, England)  
Michele Clinton's Poetry Workshop  
National Theatre (Great Britain)  
Northern Star  
Off the Shelf literature festival  
Pavilion Women's Photography and Visual Arts Centre  
Pier Training Shop  
Radio 4 (British Broadcasting Corporation)  
Radio Times  
Red Ladder (Theatre company)  
SALIDAA  
Santa Monica Museum of Art  
Scotsman  
Sheffield Film Co-Op. see Sheffield Independent Film  
(Sheffield) Family & Community Services Department  
Sheffield Independent Film  
Sheffield Theatres Education Department  
Shell Connections  
TAG Theatre Company  
Theatre Centre (London, England)  
Theatre Centre @ Chichester Theatre  
West Yorkshire Playhouse  
Woolwich Ferry

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Writers' Guild of Great Britain  
Yorkshire Women Theatre