



GUIDE TO THE CATHREN MICHALAK COLLECTION

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	Cathren Michalak collection
Collection dates:	1938 - 1952
Creator:	Michalak family
Languages represented:	English, German
Repository:	Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Sydney Library https://library.sydney.edu.au/collections/rare-books/
Extent:	1 box
Genre and Forms:	Magazines, newspapers, photo, postcards, letters
Abstract:	<p>Pen pal correspondence between Cathren Michalak (nee Lloyd), who completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1941 and her female pen pal Hanna Wegner (nee Miede) in Steinbergen, Germany. Also includes some letters from other correspondents in Germany.</p> <p>The documents consist of photos, letters (written in German and English), newspaper cuttings and Nazi era newspapers/magazines, mainly written in 1938, but with some post-war letters too.</p>

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

In late 2020, Dr Cat Moir accepted a donation of documents from Helen Brady (Michalak's daughter) to the Department of Germanic Studies. When Dr Moir left the University, she asked Dr Brangwen Stone to offer the material to the Library.

Access

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Biographical note

Cathren Helen Michalak (nee Lloyd). (1922-2017).

Cathren Lloyd attended North Sydney Girls High School, and later Sydney University where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1941, including German.

She was an actress before and after a teaching career of more than twenty years, teaching languages at high schools, finishing as Mistress of Languages at Campbell High School, Canberra in the early 1980s. As an actress, she was known for *The 13th Floor* (1988), *Fistful of Flies* (1996) and *The Crossing* (1990).

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Michalak 01

1938, *Steinbergen: Luftkurort im Weserbergland*. Tourist guide with map. Very fragile.

Michalak 02

15 April 1938, *Arbeitertum: Amtliches organ der Deutschen Arbeitsfront einschl. NS. Gemeinschaft „Kraft Durch freude“*. 8. Jahrgang/Folge 2. Magazine. Very fragile.

Michalak 03

23 April 1938, *Die HJ: Das Kampfblatt der Hitler-Jugend*. 4. Jahrgang/Folge 17. Newspaper. Very fragile.

Michalak 04

August 1936, *Weserbergland Niedersachsen*. 10 Jahrgang/Nr. 8. Magazine.

Michalak 05

To Miss Watson from Hanna Miede. Postcard. English.

Michalak 06

Blank postcard.

Michalak 07

To Cathren from Hanna. 27 April 1937. Letter. 5 pages. English, German.

Michalak 08

To Cathren from Hanna. 14 April 1938. Letter. 4 pages. English, German. Includes black and white photograph of Hanna.

Michalak 09

To Cathren from Hanna. September 1938. Letter. 6 pages. English, German.

Michalak 10

To Cathren from Gerhard. 15 September 1938. Letter. 2 pages. German.

Michalak 11

To Cathren from Gerhard Gutknecht. 26 December 1938. Letter. 4 pages. German.

Michalak 12

To Cathren from Hanna. 15 January 1939. Letter. 4 pages. English, German.

Michalak 13

To Cathren from Hanna. With note from Cathren to another person. Postcard. German, English.

Michalak 14

To Cathren from Wilma Schüfft. 18 January 1939. Postcard. German.

Michalak 15

To Cathren from Gerhard. 27 June 1939. Postcard. German.

Michalak 16

To Cathren from Hanna. 20 July 1939. Letter. 2 pages. English, German.

To Cathren from Hanna. 31 July 1939 (postmark). Envelope.

Michalak 17

To Cathren from Hanna. 26 August 1939. Postcard. English.

Michalak 18

To Cathren from Hanna. 22 April 1946. Letter. 4 pages. English.

Michalak 19

To Cathren from Hanna Wegner. 1947? Letter. 4 pages. English, German.

Michalak 20

To Cathren from Hanna. 27 May 1951. Letter. 6 pages. German. Fragile.

Michalak 21

To Cathren from Hanna. 30 [?] 1952. Letter. 6 pages. English, German.