

# **Guide to Monkey's Moon, Pool Productions, 1929**

**YCAL MSS 598**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 598

**CREATOR:** Macpherson, Kenneth

**TITLE:** Monkey's Moon, Pool Productions, 1929 / by Kenneth Macpherson

**DATES:** 1929

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 Film Reels (35mm)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Monkey's Moon, Pool Films, is a silent black and white nitrate film made in 1929. The film was directed and filmed by Macpherson and features Bryher, two of their pet monkeys, and maybe H. D. It was thought to be lost until the Beinecke Library acquired a copy in 2008. The original film is one reel and film measures 750 feet (6.5 minutes).

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Elysium Press on the Elizabeth Wakeman Dwight Memorial Fund, 2008.

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## Conditions Governing Access

Restricted fragile material. For further information, consult the appropriate curator. Reference copy available.

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## Related Materials

Associated material: Photograph File of Close Up Magazine (YCAL MSS 337) Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Kenneth Macpherson (1903-1971) was a novelist and photographer with an interest in film making. In 1927, he married Annie Winifred Ellerman (1894-1983), also known as Bryher. With their partner, Hilda Doolittle (1886-1961), also known as H.D., they established the POOL Group, a partnership that produced publications and films. The trio also established and edited Close Up (1927-1933), an influential magazine focused on intellectual discussions of cinema.

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## Scope and Contents

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b. Nitrate film reel	Monkey's Moon, Pool Productions, 1929 (nitrate original) <i>1 Film Reel (35mm)</i> English
b. Preservation master	Monkey's Moon, Pool Productions, 1929 (preservation master) <i>1 Film Reel (35mm)</i> English Audiovisual material (film). Restricted fragile. Digitized copies may be available. Consult Access Services for details.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Motion pictures -- Pictorial works

### **Names**

Bryher, 1894-1983

### **Acquired From**

Elysium Press