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The total theater model of the project  
designed by architect Walter Gropius for  
Erwin Piscator, Berlin, Germany 1927

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	The total theater model of the project designed by architect Walter Gropius for Erwin Piscator, Berlin, Germany 1927
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1960
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.charfora
<b>Creator:</b>	Charles Forberg Associates
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Item (film reel (3 min.); col., sd.; 16mm.)
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Motion picture film duplicated from original lent by Charles Forberg of Charles Forberg Associates, 1980. The film was transferred to video in 1991.

### Available Formats

Also available on videocassette (VHS)

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Gropius was an architect, educator and founder of the Bauhaus school. Born in Berlin, he studied at the University of Charlottenburg-Berlin and Munich.

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## Scope and Contents

Describes Gropius' unrealized project "Total Theater." The model shown was designed and fabricated by Charles Forberg Associates, New York. Also found on duplicate videocassette is "A Night In the Artist's Studio: Gasparo with model Magdelene Egly," ca. 1950, copied from 16 mm. film (8 min.) from the Oronzo Gasparo papers.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Theater architecture -- Germany

Types of Materials:

Video recordings

Names:

Gropius, Walter, 1883-1969

Piscator, Erwin, 1893-1966

Occupations:

Architects -- Massachusetts

## Container Listing

Item FC 01

[The Total Theater, Walter Gropius, circa 1960](#)  
1 Film reel (16mm)