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# The Gift of Theater

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Joy Abbott, the widow of the playwright George Abbott, who died in 1995, has bequeathed her share of the rights and future royalties of plays written by her husband — which include “The Pajama Game,” “Damn Yankees” and “The Boys From Syracuse” — to [Temple University](#) in Philadelphia. The donation, to be given after Mrs. Abbott’s death, is valued at \$6 million and would help to establish a center for musical theater at Temple’s Boyer College of Music and Dance. Mrs. Abbott will also give the college a cache of memorabilia, including scripts, letters and [Tony Awards](#).

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