

# Basic Detail Report

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## Italian-American composer Gian Carlo

### Menotti

#### Date

1969-1979

#### Medium

gelatin silver print

#### Description

Gian Carlo Menotti was an Italian-American composer and librettist. Although he often referred to himself as an American composer, he kept his Italian citizenship. He wrote the classic Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, along with over two dozen other operas intended to appeal to popular taste. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice, for *The Consul* (1950) and for *The Saint of Bleecker Street* (1955). He founded the noted *Festival dei Due Mondi* (Festival of the Two Worlds) in Spoleto in 1958 and its American counterpart, *Spoleto Festival USA*, in 1977. In 1986 he commenced a *Melbourne Spoleto Festival* in Australia, but he withdrew after three years.

#### Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.4 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)