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Abstract: The collection contains programs, flyers, pamphlets, clippings, and newsletters from performing arts organizations and events in various venues in Memphis, Tennessee.

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Scope and contents

The collection is comprised of programs, flyers, pamphlets, clippings, mailers, magazines, and news releases from performing arts organizations and performing arts events held in Memphis, Tennessee in the 20th Century and 21st Century.

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Subject terms

Ballet—Tennessee—Memphis.
Memphis State University.
Opera Memphis
Orpheum Theatre (Memphis, Tenn.)
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MSS0350. Ballet in Memphis collection
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MSS0473. Memphis music collection
MSS0495. Vertical files

Inventory

Box 1

1 Theater – Memphis State University
   1) Flyer: Here Are Ladies, 1972 October 11.
   3) Le Treteau De Paris presents in French “L’ANNONCE FAITE A MARIE, 1965 November 12, (2) programs, (1) typed summary page.
   5) Program: Le Médecin Malgre Lui, from Le Treteau de Paris, Memphis State University, undated.
   6) Program: Hal Holbrook, Mark Twain Tonight A Recreation of America’s Greatest
Humorist, undated.

9) Program: King Lear, Memphis State University Theatre, 8th Annual Memphis Shakespeare Festival, 1959 April 21-25 (1 program + 1 insert of “Who’s Who In The Cast”).
12) Program: Julius Caesar, Memphis State University, 10th Annual Memphis Shakespeare Festival, 1961?
13) Program: Much Ado About Nothing, Memphis State University, 11th Annual Memphis Shakespeare Festival, 1962?
14) Program: Henry V, Memphis State University, 12th Annual Memphis Shakespeare Festival, 1963?

1a  Theater – Ellis Auditorium
2) Program: Oliver, December 3-5.

2  Theater – Circuit Playhouse

3 Theater – Germantown Community Theatre
1) The Foreigner, 2011 May 6-22, (1) program, (2) flyer inserts
8) Postcard: A Murder is Announced, undated.

4 Theater – Lyceum Theatre
1) Program: If I Was Rich, week of April 4.
2) Program: The Fool, beginning 1926 March 15.
3) Program: The Monster, week starting 1927 Mary 23.
6) Program: Ben-Hur, 1904 February 15.

5 Theater – Lyric Theatre

6 Theater – Memphis Civic Theatre
1) Program: Night Must Fall, Ellis Auditorium, 1939 March 22-23.
3) Program: Thunder Rock, Ellis Auditorium, 1942 April 8-9, (2).

7 Theater – Memphis Little Theatre, 1
Memphis Little Theatre News:
8) Program: High Tor, Vol. 6, No. 6, 1938 May.
8  Theater – Memphis Little Theatre, 2
Memphis Little Theatre News:
2) Program: Dinner at Eight, Vol. 9, No. 1, 1940 October.
4) Program: The Late Christopher Bean, Vol. 9, No. 6, 1941 April.

Memphis Little Theatre:

9  Theater – New Lyric Theatre
1) Program: Hamlet, Season 1919-1920, New Year’s Week starting December 29.

10  Theater – Orpheum, 1

11 Theater – Orpheum, 2

12 Theater – Playhouse on the Square
9) Program: Sherlock Holmes, October 24-November 23.

OS1 Poster: Playhouse on the Square presenting five great acts: “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”, “Angel Street”, “Man of La Mancha”, “Twelfth Night”, “Summer and Smoke”, “The Waltz of the Toreadors”, “Marat/Sade”.
Poster: Playhouse on the Square presents The Dining Room, a play by A R Gurney, Jr, June 7-July 13.

13 Theater – Theatre Memphis
2) Program: The Fifteenth Anniversary Production of A Christmas Carol, 1992 December 3-23.
5) Program: 2010-2011 season.

14 **Theater – The Broadway Theatre League of Memphis**
   1) Flyer: Look Homeward Angel, March 30-31, April 1.
   6) Dear Liar, April 8-9, (1) flyer, (1) program
   7) The Pleasure of His Company, January 23, and January 25, (1) flyer, (1) program
   8) Program: Look Homeward, Angel, March 30-31, April 1.

15 **Theater – Miscellaneous**
   1) Program: Constance Bennett as “Auntie Mame,” Ellis Auditorium, June 3-7.
   2) Flyer: Constance Bennett as “Auntie Mame”, Ellis Auditorium, June 3-7.
   3) Flyer: Raisin, location unknown, undated.
   4) Flyer: Alice in Wonderland, Front St. Children’s Theatre, undated.
   5) Program: Carnival, McCoy Theatre, Southwestern at Memphis, 1983.

16 **Music – Memphis State University**
15) Program: Adele Addison, soprano, John Carter at the Piano, undated (2).
16) Program: Jose Molina Bailes Espanole with Luis Montero (with flyer insert), undated.

17  Music – Ellis Auditorium
4) Program: Rubinoff and His Violin with Makofka Alexander, Pianist, 1948 March 2.
8) Program: Vienna Johann Strauss Orchestra, November 25.
10) Program: The Beethoven Club presents The Karlsrud Chorale, undated.
11) Flyer: An Evening in Vienna with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Symphony Orchestra, April 13 (2).
13) Flyer: The Beethoven Club presents Ivan Davis, Pianist, 1958 December 9 (2).
15) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Elizabeth Fischer, Mezzo-Soprano, 1966 January 21 (2).
18) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Ingrid Bjoner, Soprano, Metropolitan Opera, 1967 December 12 (2).

18 Music – Memphis Symphony Orchestra
16) Program: Memphis Sinfonietta, Ellis Auditorium, 8th Season, 1959-1960

19 Music – LeMoyne College
1) Program: David Gibson, 1961 November 2, (2).
20 Music – Southwestern
1) Flyer: The Bernard Shaw Story, November 3.
2) Flyer: Maureen Forrester, contralto, 1967 October 17.
3) Flyer: i madrigalisti di Venezia, 1968 October 14, (2).
4) Program: Zurich Chamber Orchestra, 1967 February 2.
5) Flyer: Zurich Chamber Orchestra, 1967 February 2.
8) Program: Due Recital by Kees Kooper, violinist and Mary Louise Boehm, pianist, 1961 December 9.

21 Music – Baron Hirsch Synagogue
3) Program: Jan Peerce, November 11.

21a Music – The Beethoven Club
3) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Blanche Thebom, Mezzo-Soprano, and William Hughes at the Piano, undated.
4) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Jennie Tourel, Mezzo-Soprano, and George Reeves at the Piano, undated (2).
5) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Jurg Von Vintschger, Pianist, undated (2).
7) Program: The Beethoven Club presents The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Conducting, undated.
8) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Gina Bachauer, Pianist, 1962 December 6 (2).
9) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Issac Stern, Violinist and assisted by Alexander Zakin at the Piano, 1959 March 24 (2).
10) The Beethoven Club presents Stecher and Horowitz, Duo-Pianists, 1966 November 8 (2).
11) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Carol Smith, Contralto assisted by John Wustman at the Piano, 1959 November 25 (2 programs, 1 w/ticket stapled).
12) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Leopold Simoneau, Tenor assisted by Allen Rogers at the Piano, 1959 October 14 (3).
13) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Max Rudolf, Music Director, 1965 April 1 (2).
14) Program: The Beethoven Club presents The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Paul Paray, Conductor, 1959 February 20 (2).
16) Program: The Beethoven Club presents George London, Baritone, Metropolitan Opera Association, undated (2).
17) Program: The Beethoven Club presents Rudolph Serkin, Pianist, undated.
21) Program: The Beethoven Club through The Civic Music Association presents Jean Madeira, Leading Contralto, Metropolitan Opera Association and Vienna State Opera, assisted by James Angell at the piano, 1961 November 7 (2).

21b  Music – Miscellaneous 1
1) Flyer: Multiple Performances at Orchestra Hall, Oct. 18, 25, 31, Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16-19, 22, 29.
3) Program: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presents Alpha Brawner, Soprano, Date Unknown.
6) Program: David Goldberger, Goldwyn Institute Auditorium, April 5.
9) Program: The Music Department of First Baptist Church presents John Paul Bracey, pianist in recital, 1966 August 26 (2).
10) Flyer: Memphis Orchestral Society, trip for members to Italy, 1974 October 30-November 10.
12) Program: Organ Recital by A. Thomas Talbert, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 1958 October 17

22  Ballet – Memphis Civic Ballet/Memphis Ballet Company
4) Program: Memphis Ballet Company, Season Twenty-One, Gala Spring Concert, undated.
6) Program: The Ballet Society of Memphis presents Memphis Civic Ballet, Memphis State
8) Program: Memphis Ballet Company, Spring Gala, 22nd Anniversary Season.

23  Ballet – Ballet Memphis
2) Program: Fall 2010.
3) Program: Fall 2011.
10) Mailer: 2BLoved, Playhouse on the Square, October 22-30.
14) Mailer: World Wonders, Playhouse on the Square, February 21-23
19) Mailer: Keep Us On Our Toes, undated.

24  Ballet – Miscellaneous
2) Flyer: National Ballet of Canada, Auditorium, January 11.
3) Flyer: Jose Greco and His Spanish Ballet, Auditorium, 1958 January 27, (2).
6) Flyer: Jose Greco and his Spanish Ballet with Lola de Ronda, Auditorium, 1958 January
27.  
7) Flyer: Jose Greco Spanish Ballet, Auditorium, 1959 February 14 (2).  
13) Program: The Beethoven Club presents The National Ballet of Washington, Auditorium, 1973 October 27

25 Opera – The Metropolitan Opera in Memphis

2) Program: 1948 Season, Ellis Auditorium, Der Rosenkavalier – April 6, La Traviata – April 7.  
4) Program: 1950 Season, Ellis Auditorium, La Boheme – April 27.  

26 Opera – Memphis Opera Theatre 1

1) Program: Boris Goduno, Opera in Four Acts, Sung in English, Memphis State University, 1972 October 26.  

Box 2

1 Opera – Memphis Opera Theatre 2
2) Magazine: The Merry Widow, Memphis State University, 1974-1975 Season, March Issue.
4) Magazine: La Forza and Del Destino, Memphis State University, 1974-1975 Season, October – November Issue.
6) Program: Madame Butterfly, Memphis State University, 1976-1977 Season.
9) Article (typed); Memphis Opera Theatre Opens Season With “The Mikado.”
11) Program: Renata Tebaldi and Franco Corelli in Duo Recital, Memphis State University, 1972 November 27.
13) Letter: Grand Opera in the Grand Tradition, To Memphis State University Faculty & Staff, undated, (2).

2 Opera – Opera Memphis
1) Flyer: Leontyne Price, Dixon-Myers Hall, Memphis State University, 1979 March 28.
6) News Release: In cooperation with Memphis State University, 1980 March 5.
19) News Release: Opera Memphis Subscription Drive Underway, In cooperation with Memphis State University, undated.

3 Opera – Miscellaneous
1) Flyer: Southern Opera Theatre presents The Barber of Seville, Harris Music Hall, Memphis State University, September 25-27.
3) Flyer: Judith Raskin Soprano – Metropolitan Opera, Harris Music Auditorium, Memphis State University, 1970, October 22.
5) Program: Memphis Civic Music League presents The Chicago Civic Opera, Memphis Municipal Auditorium, 1926 March 4-6.


Addition, 2023
OS1 Poster: Orpheum Theatre 75 Years, 2003.