

Children's Theater Collection

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Summary Information

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History

The Children's Theater Company started out as The Moppet Players in 1961 as a professional theater troupe for young audiences. They changed their name to the Children's Theater Company in 1965 when they moved to a new stage, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts lecture hall. In 1969 the Children's Theater Company started a theater school for students, an accredited grade school and high school where kids would spend half of the day studying academic work and the other half studying theater. In 1974, along with the renovation of the MIA, the Children's Theater Company space got a facelift with a \$4.5 million dollar upgrade.

The Company ended its affiliation with the Institute of Arts and the Society of Fine Arts in 1975 in order to run itself. In 1984 the company ended its theater school. THRESHOLD, a new play laboratory, was started in 1998 which was designed to enlist emerging artists to write premiere plays for the Company to debut. This program, along with another neighborhood program, Neighborhood Bridges, still continues today. The Company debuts new premiere plays each year.

The new Children's Theater building, designed by Michael Graves in 2001, enhanced the Theater's offerings allowing the Company to host six mainstage productions per year as well as four additional shows on the smaller, more intimate Cargill Stage. Today, Children's Theater is recognized as North America's flagship theater for young people and families as well as a major cultural and artistic resource in Minnesota.

Description of Collection

The Children's Theater Company Collection consists of one box. Included in the collection are newspaper clippings, advertisements, season brochures, programs, annual reports, and miscellaneous materials consisting of pamphlets, press packets, stage layouts, fliers, and more.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

See also: The Society of Fine Arts Collection (SCMC M/A 2013.02.01-04).

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Theater -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis -- History.

Clippings

Collection Inventory

Clippings		
	Box	Folder
Children's Theater Clippings 1952-1969	1	1
Children's Theater Clippings 1970-1976	1	2
Children's Theater Clippings 1976-1978	1	3
Children's Theater Clippings 1979-1980	1	4
Children's Theater Clippings 1980-1982	1	5
Children's Theater Clippings 1980-1982	1	6
Children's Theater Clippings 1983-1984	1	7
Children's Theater Clippings 1984-1985	1	8
Children's Theater Clippings 1986-1988	1	9
Children's Theater Clippings 1988-1989	1	10
Children's Theater Clippings 1990	1	11

Promotional Material

Children's Theater Clippings 1991	1	12
Children's Theater Clippings 1992-1993	1	13
Children's Theater Clippings 1976-1993	1	14
Children's Theater Clippings 1994-March 1997	1	15
Children's Theater Clippings April 1997-1998	1	16
Children's Theater Clippings 1999-2001	1	17
Promotional Material		
	Box	Folder
Advertisements 1973-1991	1	18
Season Brochures 1970-1987	1	19
Season Brochures 1987-1989	1	20
Season Brochures 1990-1995	1	21
Season Brochures 1996-2003	1	22
Newsletters 1991-1997	1	23

Annual Reports

Annual Reports 1976-1981	Box	Folder
	1	24
Miscellaneous		
	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous 1974-1981	1	25
Miscellaneous 1973-1988	1	26
Programs		
	Box	Folder
Programs 1969-1975	1	27
Programs 1975/76-1976/77	1	28
Programs 1977/78-1978/79	1	29
Programs 1979/80-1980/81	1	30
Programs 1982-1984	1	31
Programs 1987/88-1988/89	1	32
Programs 1989-1990	1	33
Programs 1990/91-1991/92	1	34

Posters

Programs 1992-1995	1	35
Programs 1995-1996	1	36
Programs 1996-1997	1	37
Programs 1997-1998	1	38
Programs 1998-1999	1	39
Programs 1999-2000	1	40
Programs 2000-2001	1	41
Programs 2001-2002	1	42
Programs 2002-2006	1	43
Posters Undated, 1974-1990		Oversize Posters
Scope and Contents note		
25 posters		