

# **Minneapolis Auditorium Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Hall.
<b>Title</b>	Minneapolis Auditorium Collection
<b>Date</b>	1923-1988
<b>Extent</b>	1.83 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## History

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On June 4, 1927 the newly constructed Minneapolis Auditorium opened its doors on Grant St. E between 3rd Ave. S and Stevens Ave. (211 Grant St. E). The project was prompted by the Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis. The auditorium gave the city a significant venue to hold large conventions, both local and national, which would help bolster the Minneapolis and greater Minnesota economy and make the city a major center of industry, business, and commerce, nationally and globally. Since its initiation, the auditorium went through a number of changes. The first changes came in the 1960s with the restoration of the original auditorium and the addition of a convention hall, exhibit hall, restaurants, meeting rooms and other facilities, which was completed in 1965. More changes came in the 1980s with the demolition of the old auditorium and the construction of a new auditorium, new convention and meeting rooms, and other facilities. This project was completed in 1991. More recently, a small expansion was added in 2002. Over its history, this center has had everything from sporting events and theater to trade shows and large industrial expositions. Although the original auditorium and name cease to exist, the legacy continues through the current Minneapolis Convention Center, which replaced it.

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## Description of the Collection

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The collection includes clippings on construction of buildings, grand openings, performances, events, tradeshow, expositions, and so on that took place in the facility over its history. It also includes various programs, construction plans, budgets, and so on, from various expansion projects from the early 1920s, 1960s, 1980s-1990s, and 2000s. Also included are three scrapbooks that cover 1923-1929 and 1958-1981.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## **Related Materials**

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More programs from events taking place at the Auditorium are available in the Minneapolis Event Program Collection.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Hall. History.

### **Subject(s)**

- Auditoriums -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Convention facilities -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Clippings from Boat Show 1974, 1983	1	1
Expansion project materials: floor plans, articles, cost sheets, etc. 1963-1966	1	2
Clippings, expansion project materials	1	3
Expansion project materials; floor plans, articles, cost sheets, etc. 1983-1988	1	4
Articles and programs for various tradeshow, conventions and expositions 1980-1982	2	1
Articles and programs for various tradeshow, conventions and expositions	2	2
Building photos, proposals, information, and programs 1926-1930, 1966, 1984, 1988	2	3
Program: 11th National Flower and Garden Show 1930	2	4
Grand Opening materials for the Minneapolis Auditorium, newspaper index 1927-1968	2	5

**Box-folder**

Scrapbook 1924-1929	3
Scrapbook 1923-1928	4
Scrapbook 1958-1981	5
	<b>Oversize</b>
Oversize materials	1