

# **Theatre in the Round Collection**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b> | James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library |
| <b>Creator</b>    | Theatre in the Round Players, Inc..         |
| <b>Title</b>      | Theatre in the Round Collection             |
| <b>Date</b>       | 1956-2003                                   |
| <b>Extent</b>     | 1.25 Linear feet                            |
| <b>Language</b>   | English                                     |

## History

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After the Circle Theatre was closed down for financial reasons in the early 1950s, seven of its members decided to start a new theatre, a theatre supported by its members. The group convinced 50 of their friends to pay \$10 for three season tickets and by 1953 the theater was up and running. Its first play, "Life with Father," was performed at the local YWCA. The company established themselves as Theatre in the Round. In 1961 the theatre moved to an old loft building on Hennepin Ave for a brief time before moving to a new home on Stevens Ave.

In 1969, the Theatre was forced to move once again due to the sale of the building in which they were housed. They found an old warehouse on Cedar Avenue, which they transformed into a 287 seat modern state of the art theater. In 1973, Theatre in the Round co-founded the Minnesota Association of Community Theatre and in 1976 they helped found Out and About Theatre, the Twin Cities first gay theatre group, which became one of the longest-running in the country. In 1989, Theatre in the Round started a youth program that became so successful that it broke off into an independent theater company, Youth Performance Company, one of the top youth theater programs in the area.

Theatre in the Round Players celebrated their 50th season in 2001-2002 with a special selection of titles and directors and the largest capital campaign in its history. The funding allowed the organization to add facilities for its artists and make both technical and facilities improvements, making it one of the most attractive and accessible theaters in the area.

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## Description of Collection

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The Theater in the Round Collection consists of two boxes. Box one includes newspaper clippings from 1956 to 1993, and advertisements and season brochures from 1960-1993. Box two include performance programs from the 1950s through 2005.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

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

## Clippings

**Collection Inventory**

| <b>Clippings</b>                         |            |               |
|--|------------|---------------|
|  | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1956-1969 | 1          | 1             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1970-1977 | 1          | 2             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1978-1979 | 1          | 3             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1980-1981 | 1          | 4             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1982-1983 | 1          | 5             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1984-1988 | 1          | 6             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1989      | 1          | 7             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1991-1993 | 1          | 8             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 1994-1999 | 1          | 9             |
| Theatre in the Round Clippings 2000-2001 | 1          | 10            |

## Promotional Material

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| <b>Promotional Material</b>   |            |                 |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
|                               | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b>   |
| Advertisements 1960-1998      | 1          | 11              |
| Season Brochures 1962-1975    | 1          | 12              |
| Season Brochures 1976-2003    | 1          | 13              |
| <b>Programs</b>               |            |                 |
|                               | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b>   |
| Programs 1954-1959            | 2          | 1               |
| Programs 1960-1969            | 2          | 2               |
| Programs 1970-1979            | 2          | 3               |
| Programs 1980-1989            | 2          | 4               |
| Programs 1990-1999            | 2          | 5               |
| Programs 2000-2007            | 2          | 6               |
|                               |            | <b>Oversize</b> |
| Programs - Oversize 1961-1968 |            | 1               |

## Miscellaneous

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| <b>Miscellaneous</b>           |            |                             |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
|                                | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b>               |
| Misc. 1960-1993                | 2          | 7                           |
| History 1978-2003              |            |                             |
| <b>Posters 1974</b>            |            | <b>Oversize<br/>Posters</b> |
| <b>Scope and Contents note</b> |            |                             |
| 1 poster                       |            |                             |