

Finding aid for the Grand Rapids Public Library Opera Grand Rapids collection Collection 338

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Grand Rapids Public Library Opera Grand Rapids collection
Date [inclusive]	1970s-2009
Extent	1.7 Linear feet Five boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>This devised generic collection contains miscellaneous items and small accessions collected at the Grand Rapids Public Library related to Opera Grand Rapids. Formed in 1966 as the Opera Association of West Michigan, performances have been held at the DeVos Hall in the Grand Center since 1979. This collection does not contain the official records of the Opera.</p>

Scope and Contents note

Material currently in this collection was previously housed in the vertical files, then in Coll. 235, the generic GRPL Michigan & Grand Rapids Music Collection. This collection includes information on later Grand Rapids organizations which perform or sponsor performances of which is today considered true opera. Light opera, operates, and musicals are documented primarily in Coll. 235, but may also occasionally be found in Coll. 216, the GRPL Ephemera Collections, or other music related collections.

Classical vocal performances sponsored by other institutions may be found in collections dedicated to those organizations, such as the St. Cecelia Club Collection, in Coll. 235 or 216 under programs or performances, and scattered throughout the archival collections according to the holdings received.

Grand Rapids Municipal Opera programs remain in Coll. 235, the GRPL Michigan and Grand Rapids Music Collection, since these document primarily popular musicals and light opera, rather than the Classical opera which is its definition today.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department June 2004

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Various donors and accession numbers.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Coll. 216, GRPL Ephemera Collection

Coll. 235, GRPL Michigan & Grand Rapids Music Collection

Coll. 337, GRPL Grand Rapids Symphony Collection

Ephemera and scrapbooks and many other archival collections.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Opera Grand Rapids.

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Music -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Opera companies -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Historical and Biographical materials

Collection Inventory

Historical and Biographical materials		
	Box	Folder
Material from Internet site, 9/2005	1	1
		Box
West Michigan [serial], v. 9, no. 7, Nov. 1980. P2005.035.3		1
Fund Raising		
		Box
Bringing Opera Home at Last. The Betty Van Andel Opera Center. Fund Raising Packet. 2009.063.3		1
Programs		
	Box	Folder
Misc. Unidentified: "Carmen. Take a closer look ..." flyer and "Two Women" Carmen & Cinderella season ticket flyer	2	1
1970s (4)	2	2
1980	2	3

1991

1981	2	4
1982	2	5
1983	2	6
1983	2	7
1984	2	8
1985	2	9
1986	2	10
1987	2	11
1988	2	12
1989	2	13
		Box
1990		3
1991		
		Box
25th year. 1992?		3

1991

Pirates of Penzance! Sponsored with the Broadway Theatre Guild. 2005.078		3
Flyer. Carmen & Opry meets Opera. May 1993. 2005.078		3
		Box
1994		3
1995		3
1996		3
1997		3
	Box	Folder
1998	3	2
1999	3	3
2000	3	4
2001 absent	3	5
2002: Viva 35! Oct. 18-19, 2002	3	6
2003: Marriage of Figaro. May 2-3, 2003	3	7
2004/2005: Apr 29/30, 2005. Die Fledermaus.	3	8

2008

2005/2006 and 2006/2007: 2006/2007 Season brochure/mailer. 2007.010.2.7	3	9
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2007: Carmen, Nov. 2-3, 2007 00.[5344].1	3	10
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2008

	Box	Folder
Marriage of Figaro 2008.018.2	3	11

Flying Dutchman, May 2-3 2008.018.2	3	11
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Miscellaneous Old Programs. 2004.043		Box 4
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Contemporary Mailings and Promotional Ephemera

		Box
Magnified, 2005.032d		5

2004/2005 Season mailer.		5
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Graphics

	Collection	Box
Mozart's School for Lovers. Apr. 22 and 24, 1984. 00.[240].1	224	14

Graphics

Opera Grand Rapids, 2008/2009 Season. Tosca / Elixir of Love / Faust.
2008.018.13

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