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Summary Information

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Historical Note

In 1937, the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts was formed. However, productions had been staged on campus since 1902 with a production by the M.A.C. Chorus and the first play in 1910 by the professor teaching dramatic arts.

Construction started on the Auditorium and Fairchild Theater in 1937 and was finished in 1940. In 1954, the College of Communications Arts was formed and the Department of Speech, Dramatics and Radio was renamed the Speech Department. In the spring of 1968, the Department of Theatre was created as a separate entity within the College of Communication Arts. In 1971, the department was moved to the College of Arts and Letters.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains Theatre Department records including faculty meeting minutes, brochures and flyers for productions which includes Summer Circle productions, handbooks and a report to the Board of Trustees. Also included are materials relating to children's theater including the Toyshop Theatre, as well as the Calumet Theatre program.

The electronic resources series consists of photographs from and webpages describing productions of the Department's Summer Circle Theatre, in addition to issues of the Friends of Theater E-News publication from 2014-2016.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

See records for UA 16.17 (Department of Speech, Dramatics, and Radio Education)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Fund raising
- Theater
- Theater -- Study and teaching
- Annual reports
- Newsletters
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Theater programs
- Michigan State University. Toybox Theatre
- Michigan State University. Department of Theatre

Preservica Public URL

<https://msu.access.preservica.com/archive/sdb%3Acollection|b15695eb-f9a5-4274-91ab-c685f811a6ca/>

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Collection Inventory

Records

Title/Description	Instances	
Children's Theater		
Constitution of Toyshop Theatre, Undated	box 5618	folder 1
Children's Theatre Correspondence, 1956, 1959	box 5618	folder 2
Report on Children's Theatre, circa 1947, Undated	box 5618	folder 3
Report on Children's Theatre 1945-1956,, circa 1956	box 5618	folder 4
Toy Box Theatre schedule for 1983-1984	box 5618	folder 26
Theatre Handbook, 1965	box 5618	folder 5
Faculty Meeting Minutes, 1968	box 5618	folder 6
Shubert Foundation, 1968-1972	box 5618	folder 7
Faculty Meeting Minutes		
1969	box 5618	folder 8
1970	box 5618	folder 9
1971	box 5618	folder 10
1972-1973	box 5618	folder 11
Calumet Program		
Budget Reports, 1972-1974	box 5618	folder 12
Correspondence, 1972-1974	box 5618	folder 13
Calumet Summer Theatre, 1974	box 5618	folder 14
New Course Requests, 1972-1973	box 5618	folder 15
Brochures, Flyers, and Schedules, 1955, 1961-1962, 1995, 1998-2002, 2007, 2008, 2015, undated	box 5618	folder 16
Debate/Forensics Handbook, Undated	box 5618	folder 17
Report to the Board of Trustees, 1963	box 5618	folder 18
Programs, 1939, 1951, 1955-1959, Undated	box 5618	folder 19
Programs, 1960-1963, 1967, 1969, 1998-2000, 2007-2008, 2010, 2012, 2014	box 5618	folder 20
Orchesis programs, 1970-1973	box 5618	folder 21
Ceccchitti Council of America performance and conference programs, 1970-1973	box 5618	folder 22
Theta Alpha Phi sponsored play programs, 1948, 1959	box 5618	folder 23
Letter to students, 1968	box 5618	folder 24
Orchesis flyer, 2011	box 5618	folder 25

Scrapbook 193: Clippings of department professors, classes & performers, 1936-1944	volume SB 193	
Detroit Institute of Art program "First Folio!" and photographs of MSU students at the exhibit, 2016-4-1	box 5618	folder 27

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Photographs	drawer Photographs
Title/Description	Instances
Theater (16 folders)	

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Annual Reports	
Title/Description	Instances
Unpublished	box Annual Reports
1967-1968	
1968-1969	

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Serials	
Title/Description	Instances
#872: Curtain Time	

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Electronic Resources	
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Title/Description	Instances
Friends of Theatre E-Newsletter	
Friends of Theatre E-News, 2014-2015	
Friends of Theatre E-News, 2015-2016	

Summer Circle Theatre

Preservica Public URL

<https://msu.access.preservica.com/archive/sdb%3Acollection|79640c06-341b-41ef-8a2b-4a3f25f0cf77/>

"A Month in the Country", 2006

Digital Object: [A Month-in the Country Info: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [A Month in the Country photos: 2021-11-08](#)

Preservica Public URL

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"The Beaux Stratagem", 2006

Digital Object: [Beaux Stratagem photos: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [The Beaux Stratagem Info: 2021-11-08](#)

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"Laundry and Bourbon" and "Blind Date", 2002

Digital Object: [Laundry and Blind Info: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Laundry and Bourbon-Blind Date photos: 2021-11-08](#)

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"Picasso at the Lapin Agile", 2001

Digital Object: [Picasso at Lapin Agile photos: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Picasso at Lapin Agile Info: 2021-11-08](#)

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"Winterset", 2000

A.2011.0025_007: 2021-11-08

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Preservica Public URL

<https://msu.access.preservica.com/archive/sdb%3Acollection|46f048dc-93cf-4acf-9271-c191dd408998/>

Galas and Other HIstory, 2003-2006

object
A.2011.0025_009-3c62

"Chaucer in Rome", 2003

Digital Object: [Chaucer in Rome Content: 2021-11-08](#)

Preservica Public URL

<https://msu.access.preservica.com/archive/sdb%3Acollection|bf41ba2c-0721-49b8-8c21-6d576dad1f39/>

Other Performances, 1985-2003

Digital Object: [Slight Case of Murder: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Born Yesterday: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Glass Menagerie: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Odd Couple: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Dark of the Moon: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Happy Journey: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [Philip Glass Buys Loaf of Bread: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [What Butler Saw: 2021-11-08](#)

Preservica Public URL

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"London Cuckolds", 2001

Digital Object: [London Cuckolds Info: 2021-11-08](#)

Digital Object: [London Cuckolds photos: 2021-11-08](#)

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