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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 additional to issues of the Friends of Theater E-News publication from 2014-2016.

Administrative Information

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Related Archival Materials

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

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

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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

### Photographs

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Theater (16 folders)  |

### Annual Reports

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Unpublished  | box Annual Reports
1967-1968  |
1968-1969  |

### Serials

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#872: Curtain Time  |

### Electronic Resources

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Friends of Theatre E-News, 2015-2016  |
Summer Circle Theatre

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"Winterset", 2000

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Galas and Other HIstory, 2003-2006

"Chaucer in Rome", 2003

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Other Performances, 1985-2003

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"London Cuckolds", 2001

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