K0646
Lyric Opera of Kansas City Records
1958-2013
39 cubic feet, oversize

Organizational records of the Opera and Opera Guild including scrapbooks, photographs, printed materials, public relations files, financial records, minutes, bylaws, and newspaper clippings.

HISTORY:

The Kansas City Lyric Theater was organized by Russell Patterson, a Kansas City Conservatory of Music instructor; J. Morton Walker, a member of the theater staff at the University of Kansas City; and Lyle Kennedy, secretary and treasurer of the Conservatory of Music. Supported financially by Henry C. Haskell and Michael Berbiglia, the first season opened on September 29, 1958, at the Rockhill Art Theater on Troost Avenue. In 1961, the Kansas City Lyric Theater Guild was formed as a support organization. After a fire at the Rockhill Theater in 1966, the Lyric was housed for two seasons at the Uptown Theatre. In 1970, the Lyric moved to the Capri Theater in downtown Kansas City. This building was eventually renamed the Lyric Theatre, and the company name changed to the Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of scrapbooks, photographs, printed materials, financial information, minutes, bylaws and clipping related to the Lyric Opera, and the Lyric Opera Guild.

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OVERSIZE-AUDIO DISC RECORDING BOX

“45 RECORDS
The Taming of the Shrew by Vittorio Giannini, presented by the KC Lyric Theater, musical director Russell Patterson, ca. 1970
The Sweet Bye and Bye by Jack Beeson, presented by the KC Lyric Theater, musical director Russell Patterson, 1974

OVERSIZE

Scrapbook “Lyric Memories” items collected by George McCullagh, scrapbook by Illy Ingraham 1958-1978
Poster: The First Dazzling Season in the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts: Turandot, Cosi Fan Tutte, Nixon in China, The Barber of Seville, 2011-2012 (KA1987) see listing below

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Women’s League Scrapbooks
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KA0994      Lyric Opera posters

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