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Lyric Opera of Kansas City Records

1958-2013

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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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Ticketathon
Arts Fest
Curtain Calls

Boutique
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April in the Orient
Imagination Celebration
Chocolate Festival
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 1967
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CASSETTES- OPERA PREVIEWS

- The Rake's Progress* by Stravinsky/*The Mikado* by Gilbert & Sullivan
- Otello* by Verdi/*Romeo et Juliette* by Gounod
- Cavalleria Rusticana* by Mascagni/*I Pagliacci* by Leoncavallo
- Ariadne Auf Naxos* by Richard Strauss/*The Pitter Patter of Little Patter Songs* by Gilbert & Sullivan
- Billy Budd* by Britten/*Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss
- The Magic Flute* by Mozart/*Tosca* by Puccini
- La Traviata* by Verdi/*The Italian Girl in Algiers* by Rossini
- Madama Butterfly* by Puccini/*Macbeth* by Verdi

COMPACT DISCS

- Guild previews- highlights from Lyric singers, spring 2002
- Guild previews- *Don Paquale* by Donizetti/*Cold Sassy Tree* by Floyd, spring 2002
- Guild previews- *La Boheme* by Puccini/*Salome* by Richard Strauss hosted by Lee Goodman and Don Dagenais, 2002
- Guild previews- *Romeo et Juliette* by Gounod/*The Elixir of Love* by Donizetti, fall 2003
- Guild previews- *The Abduction from the Seraglio* by Mozart/*Rigoletto* by Verdi, spring 2003
- Guild previews- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Britten/*Don Giovanni* by Mozart, spring 2004
- Guild previews- *La Cenerentola* by Rossini/*Of Mice and Men* by Floyd, fall 2004

Guild previews- *A Masked Ball* by Verdi/*The Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart, spring 2005

Guild previews- *Carmen* by Bizet/*The Turn of the Screw* by Britten, fall 2005

Guild previews- *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Donizetti/*The Merry Widow* by Lehar, spring 2006

Guild previews- *Madame Butterfly* by Puccini/*Hamlet* by Thomas, fall 2006

Guild previews- *Barber of Seville* by Donizetti/*The End of the Affair* by Heggie, spring 2007

Guild previews- *Aida* by Verdi/*The Pearl Fishers* by Bizet, fall 2007

Guild previews- *The Magic Flute* by Mozart/*John Brown* by Mechem, spring 2008

Guild previews- *La Boheme* by Puccini/*Julius Caesar* by Handel, fall 2008

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LYRIC OPERA GUILD

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Box 040x3

Roll 1	“The Elixir of Love,” poster
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 2	“The Lyric Experience,” poster
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 3	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, 30 th Anniversary Season
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 4	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “April in Paris”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 5	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “April in Vienna”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 6	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “Casi fan Tuttle”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 7	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “Face on the Barroom Floor”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Designer	Laurence Hope
Date	n.d.
Note	At Kelly’s Bar
Roll 8	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “If Music Be the Food of Love, SING ON”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 9	Poster Announcing the Annual Bash
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown

Date	n.d.
Note	Wednesday Nite Oct 23 rd
Roll 10	“Samson and Delilah”
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 11	“Samson and Delilah”
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 12	Themes from Puccini’s “Girl of the Golden West”
Location	Unknown
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Roll 13	“There’s a Little Opera in All of Us,” Education at the Metropolitan Opera Guild
Location	1865 Broadway, New York, New York
Designer	Peter Böninger
Date	n.d.
Roll 14	Kansas City Lyric Theatre, “The Elixir of Love at the Sheridan Coliseum”
Location	Hays, Kansas
Architect	Unknown
Date	1968
Roll 15	The Lyric Opera of KC in English, 18 th Season
Location	11 th and Central, Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1975
Roll 16	“Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines,” Kansas City Lyric Theatre
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1976
Roll 17	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, “When the Lights Go Down, You Won’t Be in the Dark”
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1978

Roll 18	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, 22 nd Fall Season
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1979
Roll 19	Kansas City Symphony Season Calendar
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1983-84
Roll 20	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, "April in Britain," "The Pirates of Penzance, Falstaff"
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1987
Roll 21	The Lyric Opera of Kansas City, "Hansel and Gretl"
Location	Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1995

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

BOX 001x1

Women's League Scrapbooks
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 1989-1990
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KA0994 Lyric Opera posters

Oversized Rolled:

Date	Title	Size/inches	#
1985	April in the Orient	89x47	
1977	Lyric Opera in English	49x36	

Oversize Flat:

Date	Title	Size/inches	#
1966	[on cardboard]	44x21.25	
2011- 2012	Turandot, Cosi Fan Tutte, Nixon in China, The Barber of Seville	11x17	1

Regular (map case at Troost 8/7/98)

Date	Title	Size/inches	#
1976	Pirates of Penzance		
1977	Loving Opera		2
1974			4
1978?	German Open Air Festival Tuesday, May 23 rd		
1961			
	Lion in Winter – benefit showing at Fine Arts Theatre		
1964			
	April in the Orient (27 th Season)		
1977	Claude Kipnis Mime Theatre. Missouri River Festival of the Arts (signed by Kipnis)		
	Sign – KC's own Lyric Opera, September 21-October 16		
1967			2
	“Worried... not me I bought Lyric Opera Season Tickets”		
1969			2
	Poster announcing move of Lyric Theater to Uptown Theater also the Operas Sung in English series: Sept. 17 to Oct. 12 1. The Crucible 2. Elixir of Love 3. Andrea Cheniver 4. Carmen		
	Poster – “Join the Lyric Theatre Guild” includes brochure and enrollment postcard. Late 1960's?		
	Poster announcing a recording of the Kansas City Lyric Theater production of <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> , a book <i>Opera Themes and Plots</i> by Rudolph Fellner, and recordings of Dorothy Coulter.		
	Rough draft poster for a party to be held Friday, Oct. 8 (no year) in the Lyric Lobby		

	Poster promoting membership in the Lyric Theater Guild. No date		
	Kansas City's Chocolate Plus Festival, Saturday, Oct. 17 & Sunday, Oct. 18 (no year) at Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Sponsored by Lyric Theater Guild & the Hyatt Regency		
	Opera in English Series, Sept. 20 – Oct. 15 (no year) 1. Faust 2. Il Trovatore 3. Don Pasquale 4. Ariadne Auf Naxos		