American Musical Theatre of San Jose Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: American Musical Theatre of San Jose Records

Dates: 1939-2008

Collection Number: 2011-34

Creator/Collector: San Jose Civic Light Opera Association American Musical Theatre

Extent: 9 boxes (5.5 linear feet) plus oversize posters

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Abstract: Records and other material from the now-defunct American Musical Theatre, originally formed in 1935 as the San Jose Civic Light Opera Association. The AMT filed for bankruptcy in December 2008.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

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Biography/Administrative History

The American Musical Theatre of San Jose was founded in 1935 as the San Jose Civic Light Opera Association, and was a mainstay of San Jose's theater world for decades. After struggling for several years with mounting deficits, AMT was left with heavy losses from which they could not recover after a co-production of "Tarzan" with Atlanta and Dallas companies collapsed in 2008. On December 23, 2008, AMT filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Scope and Content of Collection

Records and other material from the now-defunct American Musical Theatre, originally formed in 1935 as the San Jose Civic Light Opera Association. Includes financial and administrative records, primarily from post-1965 operations; scrapbooks and production photographs dating to the 1940s; programs, press and theater posters; and a small number of costume and set design drawings.

Indexing Terms

Musical theater
Theatrical companies
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scrapbooks
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