
Guide to the Valley Music Theatre Photograph Collection, 2006

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Valley Music Theatre Photograph Collection

Bulk Dates: 2006

Identification: URB/VMT

Creator: Underhill, Larry

Physical Description: 0.21 linear feet

Language of Materials: English

Repository: Urban Archives

Abstract: Photographer Larry Underhill was hired by the Los Angeles Conservancy to take photographs of the Valley Music Theatre immediately prior to its demolition in 2006. The collection consists of forty-six silver gelatin photographs taken by Underhill, as well as documentation of the theater designed by Hawkins and Lindsey, Architects.

Biographical Information:

In 2006, Larry Underhill was hired by the Los Angeles Conservancy to take the last pictures of the building before it was demolished by the wrecking ball in the fall of 2006, too late for the Conservancy to place the Valley Music Theatre before the landmarks commission.

The Valley Music Theatre opened on July 6, 1964. The Theatre was located at 20600 Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills between the Ventura Freeway exits at Winnetka and Canoga Avenues. Designed by the firm Hawkins and Lindsey, the theatre was the project of local developers and businessmen Nick Mayo, Randolph Hale, and Cy Warner, who intended it to be the first professional performing arts center in the San Fernando Valley.

In 1980, the theatre was sold to and became a Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall. When the Jehovah's Witnesses' membership outgrew the size of the building in 2004, they sold the property to a local developer who planned on demolishing the theatre to build housing and retail stores on the property.

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Scope and Contents

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