Finding Aid for the Opera Pacific Records 2009.05.r

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Language of Material: English.
Physical Description: 57.5 Linear feet (46 cartons)
Date (inclusive): 1962-2008
Abstract: These papers contain extensive material relating to the productions and operation of the Opera Pacific theater group that operated in Orange County from 1962 until 2008
Location note: Leatherby Libraries
Conditions Governing Access note
This collection is open for research.
Conditions Governing Use note
The material in this collection is under copyright by the various artists who originally produced it. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain permission to use any material from this collection from the original artists.
Preferred Citation note
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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
The Opera Pacific Records were donated to the Frank Mt. Pleasant Library of Special Collections and Archives by William Hall, DMA.
Biographical/Historical note
Opera Pacific traces its roots to 1962 and the Festival of Opera Association in Laguna Beach, CA. These early productions were sung in English and performed during late summer at the Irvine Bowl. Then the Opera League of Laguna Beach, coordinated by Velma Sun and with Nunzio Crisci as managing director, was created to encourage and sustain interest in the Festival of Opera. In the early 1980s, members of the Laguna organization and other opera lovers from Orange County joined together in anticipation of the opening of the Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa. Opera Pacific was incorporated in 1983 as the county's resident opera company. 1985 was the opening season for the new company with David DiChiera as general director. The company put on an average of six productions per season and also hosted an "Opera Camp" geared to educating young people in appreciating opera.
On November 4, 2008 the announcement was made that the remainder of the 2008 was being cancelled and Opera Pacific closed down all operations soon after due to financial difficulties.
Scope and Contents note
Approx. 46 cartons of production books, promotional material and audio/visual material from Opera Pacific, 1962-2008.
Arrangement note
This collection is arranged in series by material type.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Hall, William, DMA
Opera Pacific
Lyric Opera Association of Orange County
Opera Pacific
Series 1, Binders, production 1993-2008

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 16.25 Linear feet (13 cartons)

Scope and Contents note
This series contains the production notebooks for most of the operas that were produced by Opera Pacific. These bibles are snapshots of each production and, for the most part, contain annotated scores, stage directions, cast listings, lighting and scenery drawings as well as production stills and some publicity material.

Carton 4 Faust 1993, Barber of Seville, Die Fledermaus 1988
Carton 5 Madame Butterfly 1995, Zauberflote 1995
Carton 11 misc. production photos


Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 3.75 Linear feet (3 cartons)

Scope and Contents note
This series contains three cartons of records associated with Opera Pacific as well as its earlier incarnation as the Lyric Opera Association in 1962.

Series 3, Publicity 1985-2008

Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 18.75 Linear feet (15 cartons)

Scope and Contents note
This series contains publicity material, much of it being programs, flyers and binders of clippings.
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