Collection of San Francisco Bay Area Theater Images and Memorabilia

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The Collection of San Francisco Bay Area Theater Images and Memorabilia includes photographs, program covers, seating charts, tickets and advertising cards related to theater buildings and performance spaces in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland from 1853 to the 1970s. The Collection contains many images and materials from theaters prior to 1923, images of theaters destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire, and many of the great performance spaces in Bay Area history including the Alcazar Theatre, Alexandria Theatre, California Theatre, Civic Auditorium, Columbia Theatre, Fischer's Theatre, Fox Theatre, Grand Opera House, Macdonough Theatre, Maguire's Opera House, Majestic Theatre, Orpheum Theatre, Senator Theatre, Tivoli Opera House, and Woodward's Gardens.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information

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Administrative History

The mission of the Museum of Performance & Design is to educate people of all ages about the impact and value of the performing arts in their lives through exhibitions, programming, and research. In addition, the Museum collects, preserves, and makes accessible performance and design materials that reflect our diverse culture.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Names and Places

Alcazar Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Alexandria Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
California Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Civic Auditorium (San Francisco, Calif.)
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Columbia Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Fischer's Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Fox Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Grand Opera House (San Francisco, Calif.)
Macdonough Theatre (Oakland, Calif.)
Maguire's Opera House (San Francisco, Calif.)
Majestic Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Morosco's Grand Opera House (San Francisco, Calif.)
Orpheum Theatre (San Francisco, Calif.)
Senator Theatre (Oakland, Calif.)
Tivoli Opera House (San Francisco, Calif.)
Woodward's Gardens (San Francisco, Calif.)
Berkeley (Calif.)
San Francisco (Calif.)
Oakland (Calif.)

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