Guide to the Patricia Ryan Madson Papers SC1496

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Scope and Contents
The collection primarily consists of ephemera from Stanford events including, Founder's Day, the Cornerstone Dedication, and the Cantor Museum of the Arts Opening Gala. It also includes some photos, VHS tapes, and notes from various performances and speeches. Includes copies of letters written by Leland and Jane Stanford that were used in performances.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift, 2019.

Biographical / Historical
Patricia Ryan Madson is the author of IMPROV WISDOM: DON'T PREPARE, JUST SHOW UP (Random House, 2005) and a professor Emerita from Stanford University where she taught from 1977-2005. In the Drama Department she served as the head of the undergraduate acting program and developed the improvisation program. In 1998 she was the winner of the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Innovation in Undergraduate Education at Stanford. She founded and coached the Stanford Improvisors and taught beginning and advanced level courses in Improvisation for undergraduate as well as adults in Stanford's Continuing Studies Program. In 1996 she founded the Creativity Initiative at Stanford, an interdisciplinary alliance of faculty who share the belief that creativity can be taught. Patricia has taught Design Improv for the School of Engineering, and was a guest lecturer for the Stanford Technology Ventures Program and for the Mayfield Fellows program. (Excerpt from https://profiles.stanford.edu/patricia-madson)

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Improvisation (Acting)
Performing arts.
Madson, Patricia Ryan
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Stanford University. Department of Theater and Performance Studies -- Faculty
Stanford Improvisers (Slmps)
Performances and Celebrations

Box 1, Folder 1
- Commencement photographs and programs from Stanford events
- Materials from Stanford Cornerstone Dedication, Community Day, and Cantor Museum of Arts Opening Gala
- Speeches and performance materials from various Stanford events

Box 1, Folder 2
- Commencement photographs and programs from Stanford events

Box 1, Folder 3
- Materials from Stanford Cornerstone Dedication, Community Day, and Cantor Museum of Arts Opening Gala
- Speeches and performance materials from various Stanford events

Box 1, Folder 4
- Scrapbook, includes photographs, notes, and cards for Patricia

Audiovisual Materials

Box 2
- The Arts at Stanford - SIMPS ’97 2_01 1997 Jun
  Physical Description: 1 videotape(s) (vhs)
- The Arts at Stanford - Stanford Improvisers in Theatresports 2_02 1006 Jun 1
  Physical Description: 1 videotape(s) (vhs)
- Jane Stanford by Patricia Ryan - Edit Master 2_03 1987 May 12
  Physical Description: 1 videotape(s) (vhs)
- Jane Stanford - Rehearsal - Master Tape 2_04 1987 May 12
  Physical Description: 1 videotape(s) (vhs)