

**Title:** Florentine Opera Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1723

**Inclusive Dates:** 1953 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 0.8 cu. ft.

**Location:** ER, Sh. G011

**Abstract:** John-David Anello founded the Italian Opera Chorus in 1933. The group's name changed in 1942 to The Florentine Opera Chorus to, in Anello's words, "honor the birthplace of opera as we know it." In 1950, the Chorus became a private venture and expanded beyond operatic choral performances to the production of complete operas. As a result, the company changed its name one final time to the Florentine Opera Company. The Wisconsin Opera Theater was the educational arm of the Florentine Opera.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of programs, promotional fliers and handouts, tickets, *Bravo!* newsletters, reviews and other coverage in newspapers and magazines, reports and research, and Wisconsin Opera Theater fliers.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

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