

**Title:** Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions (MONCA) – Wisconsin District

**Reference Code:** Mss-1704

**Inclusive Dates:** 1962 – 2015

**Quantity:** 1.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** WHS, Sh. A102

**Abstract:** In 1935, the Metropolitan Opera of New York initiated a structured auditions program called the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air for talented vocalists. First prize for those who auditioned on this radio program was a contract with the Met. To relieve financial burdens on contestants and to reach out to vocalists nationwide, the Metropolitan Opera National Council assumed control of the auditions program and established regional auditions programs in the 1950s. As the program became firmly entrenched, the “Auditions of the Air” radio program was discontinued. A district level was added in 1959 to serve as the first round of auditions. Milwaukee held its first district competition in 1962.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists primarily of audition papers but also includes meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, photos, and historical information.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by Patricia Crump, December 2018.

**Arrangement:**

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<b>CD: Added to Multimedia Collection</b>		
– Met Auditions Story, “Lake Effect,” WUWM, January 2008		