

Title: Milwaukee Players, The Collection

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Abstract: Prior to 1931, much of Milwaukee's amateur was offered through social centers under the auspices of the Municipal Department of Recreation and Adult Education. Each year the social centers staged a drama festival. On June 24, 1931, Dorothy Enderis from the Department of Recreation announced a plan to establish a more advanced theatrical group, known as the Milwaukee Players, made up of the best actors and actresses from the various social centers. Eleven individuals comprised the Players the first year. The number grew to 60 the following year. During its existence, the Milwaukee Players have staged numerous productions, including Shakespearean plays, musicals, dramas and children's plays.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of photos, programs, playbills, a history of the group, newspaper clippings, audio recordings, and three scrapbooks and two envelopes containing clippings, programs and photos.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Note: The scrapbooks and photos donated by Susan Dillon, March 1993. Additional photos and other material donated by Milwaukee Public Schools, Division of Recreation, December 2018.

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Small Manuscript Material <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Milwaukee Players – History- Programs/Playbills, 1946-1978- Newspaper Clippings, 1931-1939		
SCRAPBOOKS: RC8, Sh. 015		
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"Angel Street," 1946 & 1982	1	18
"Applause," 1973	1	19
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"Blithe Spirit," n.d.	1	24
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"Cabaret," 1970-1971	1	26
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"Carnival," 1972	1	28
"A Chorus Line," 1995	1	29
"Cinderella," n.d.	1	30
"Company," 1984	1	31
"Corpse," n.d.	1	32
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"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1984 (1 of 2)	2	1
"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1984 (2 of 2), Slides	2	2
"The Good Doctor," 1985	2	3
"The Grass Harp," 1966	2	4
"The Guardsman," 1966 (?) & 1978	2	5
"Guys & Dolls," 1978-1979	2	6
"Gypsy: A Musical Fable," 1969	2	7
"Hello Dolly," 1971	2	8
"Hooray for Hollywood," 1986	2	9

"Hostage," n.d.	2	10
"The Importance of Being Earnest," 1978	2	11
"Indians," 1977	2	12
"The King and I," 1968, 1978 & undated (1 of 2)	2	13
"The King and I," 1968, 1978 & undated (2 of 2), Slides	2	14
"King Lear," 1933 & 1939	2	15
"Kismet," 1990	2	16
"Kiss Me Kate," 1977-1978	2	17
"La Traviata," 1957	2	18
"The Last of Mrs. Lincoln," n.d.	2	19
"Lion in Winter," 1968-1969	2	20
"Lion in Winter," 1975 & 1981	2	21
"Little Foxes," 1975-1976	2	22
"Little Mary Sunshine," 1969	3	1
"Little Shop of Horrors," 1990 (?)	3	2
"MacBeth," 1959	3	3
"Madama Butterfly," n.d.	3	4
"Madwoman," n.d.	3	5
"Merchant of Venice," 1947	3	6
"A Midsummer Night's Dream," 1988	3	7
"A Month in the Country," 1976-1977	3	8
"Musical," 1984-1985	3	9
"My Fair Lady," 1974	3	10
"Night Must Fall," 1976	3	11
"No Time for Heaven," n.d.	3	12
"Oklahoma," n.d.	3	13
"Oliver!," 1975	3	14
"Paint Your Wagon," 1974-1975	3	15
"Romeo & Juliet," 1956	3	16
"The Royal Family," 1977	3	17
"Scrooge," 1982	3	18
"Sherlock Holmes," 1985	3	19
"The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet," 1974	3	20
"Six Characters in Search of," n.d.	3	21
"South Pacific," n.d.	3	22
"Taming of the Shrew," 1969	3	23
"Tartuffe," 1986	3	24
"Tosca," n.d.	3	25
PHOTO BOOKS		
"Camille," n.d.	3	Loose
"Candida," 1948-1949	3	Loose
"Liliom," October 1949	3	Loose

"Much Ado About Nothing," n.d.	3	Loose
"Philadelphia Story," n.d.	3	Loose
"Romeo & Juliet," n.d.	3	Loose
"Time of Your Life," n.d.	3	Loose
Oversize Photos: See #2904-2931, 2959-3025		
VHS TAPES (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)		
Stage Productions		
– "Potboiler," Parts 1 & 2 (Master tapes and 1 copy)		
– "Wind in the Willows," Parts 1 & 2, 1990 (Master tapes and 1 copy)		
MILWAUKEE PLAYERS REEL-TO-REEL AUDIO TAPES (transferred to Multimedia Coll.)		
"3 Bears," 1963		
6 th Grade, 2 part, Songs Tape		
110 in the Shade		
"Aladdin"		
"Angel Street," May 16, 1980		
"Applause," May 25, 1973		
"Applause," November 9, 1980 (2 reels)		
"As You Like It" (2 reels)		
"Babes in Arms," March 29, 1980		
"Band Leader"		
"Becket," March 1975 (2 reels)		
"Brigadoon," November 4, 1979		
"Brigadoon/New Girl in Town" (2 reels)		
"Brigadoon" Dance Music (2 reels)		
"Cabaret," May 23, 1970 (2 reels)		
"Cabaret," March 1971		
"Cabaret," n.d.		
"Cabaret: (Sound Cues; 2 reels)		
"Cabaret" (Sound Effects Tape)		
"Carnival," Dec. 11, 1965 (2 reels)		
"Cinderella," 1964 (3 reels)		
"Comedy Trio," 1974		
"Company," March 1984		
"Coppelia," September 30, 1977 (2 reels)		
"Crossroads," 1979		
"A Cry of Players," 1970 (4 copies)		
"A Cry of Players" Underscore		
"Dark Lady"		
Display Music for "Cabaret," "Fiddler on the Roof" and other musicals		
Display Music		

“Emperor’s Nightingale”		
“The Fantasticks,” July 11, 1962 (4 reels)		
“The Fantasticks,” July 12, 1962 (Reels 1, 2 & 4 of 4)		
“The Flowering Peach,” January 19, 1980		
“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” May 22, 1976		
“The Good Doctor,” 1985 (2 reels)		
“Good Woman,” March 12, 1964		
“Grass Harp”		
“Hello, Dolly,” May 19, 1972 (2 reels)		
“The Hostage,” March 17, 1973 (master tape and copy)		
“How He Lied”		
“The Importance of Being Earnest,” 1978		
“Indians” (2 reels)		
“Indians” (Sound Effects), Reel 1		
“Indians,” February 5, 1977		
“The King and I,” 1968		
“Kiss Me, Kate,” May 21, 1977		
“The Last of Mrs. Lincoln,” May 23, 1982		
“The Lion in Winter,” January 18, 1981		
“Little Red Riding Hood,” 1960		
“MacBeth,” June 4, 1984		
“Mame,” March 27, 1982		
“Mirror Man”		
“Night Must Fall,” February 1976 (2 reels)		
“Once Upon a Mattress,” April 12, 1981		
“Our Town,” June 20, 1981		
“Peter and the Wolf”		
“The Robber Bridegroom,” November 1, 1981		
“The Royal Family,” October 16, 1977		
“Rumpelstilskin”		
“Scrooge,” December 8, 1983		
“She Stoops to Conquer,” March 17, 1979		
“Sherlock Holmes,” June 1985		
Sixty Plus Program, May 3, 1984 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Me and My Shadow” – “Easter Parade” – “You’re a Grand Old Flag” – “Alley Cat” 		
Special Effects (?), Kagan Broadcast Inc.		
“Tartuffe”		
“Three Pigs,” 1962 (2 reels)		
“Toy Shop”		
Virginia Faull, Recreation Dept., “Come and See the Peppermint Tree” (2 reels)		

MILWAUKEE PLAYERS AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)		
10 Dances for Dance Manual, October 1980		
“Hero of Cantus” (3 cassettes)		
Guys & Dolls Songs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – “Overture”/”Runyonland”/”Fugue for Tinhorns”/”Follow the Fold”/”Oldest Established” (Side 1) – ”I’ll Know”/”Bushel and a Peck”/”Lament”/”Guys & Dolls” (Side 2) 		
“Paint Your Wagon” Rehearsal Tape		
“Song of Cantus” Master Tape		
“Wind in the Willows” Acts I & II (2 cassettes)		