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Introduction
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The Jerry Rabushka Papers contain diaries, scrapbooks, script, program bills, posters and VHS tapes documenting Rabushka's career as a playwright, author, and musician. Materials of interest include scrapbooks and photographs of Rabushka's original plays, including Full Frontal Nudity, Gaywatch, and Woof! The Road Show.

Hailing from St. Louis, Jerry Rabushka is an award-winning playwright, author, musician, and composer. Rabushka studied political science at the University of Missouri – St. Louis and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1982. Following graduation, Rabushka accepted a position as a caseworker for the Missouri Division of Family Services, where he worked for four years. Following this, Rabushka began working as the editor in chief and associate publisher for The Paint Dealer Magazine, a position he held until 2018, after which he became the Managing Editor for the American Painting Contractor.

In 1997, Rabushka founded his own theatre company, Ragged Blade Productions, for which he wrote original plays. He continued to publish his plays through Ragged Blade until 2008. Starting in 1998, Rabushka began publishing plays for Brooklyn Publishers and Heuer Publishing. He published these plays under both Jerry Rabushka and the pen name Kelly Meadows. Many of his plays have been performed nationally and internationally. In addition to his plays, Rabushka has published several novels and short stories, including Star Bryan and The Prophecy. His works have appeared in many Saints & Sinners festivals, an internationally recognized literary event that focuses on the LGBTQ community.

Rabushka continues to hone his craft. He still publishes plays for Brooklyn Publishers and has published over 100 plays for the company. He also still serves as managing editor for American Painting Contract. In addition, Rabushka tours the nation, mostly the Midwest, with his band The Ragged Blade Band. They play ragtime, jazz, and blues, as well as Rabushka’s own original music. He plays the piano and sings for the band, but also produces and plays solo music.

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