



Kansas City Performing Arts Collection (K1436)

Collection Number: K1436

Collection Title: Kansas City Performing Arts Collection

Dates: 1975-2013

Creator: Kansas City Ballet

Abstract: The Kansas City Performing Arts Collection contains materials related to the Kansas City Ballet, the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, the Missouri Repertory Theatre, the Quality Hill Playhouse, and the State Ballet of Missouri.

Collection Size: .25 cubic foot
(10 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Kansas City Performing Arts Collection can be found in the following collections:

Lyric Opera of Kansas City Records, (K0646)
Tatiana Dokoudovska Papers, (K0255)

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Historical Note:

Tatiana Dokoudovska founded the Kansas City Ballet, renamed the Kansas City Civic Ballet in 1957. She served as the ballet's artistic director and choreographer for the next twenty years.

In 1980, the company chose Todd Bolender to lead the Kansas City Ballet. Following a joint venture with Dance St. Louis, the company changed their name to the State Ballet of Missouri in 1986. The company ended their partnership with Dance St. Louis in 1996 and changed their name back to Kansas City Ballet in 2000. The Kansas City Ballet continues to present major ballet performances each season in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City (established 1958), Missouri Repertory Theatre (established 1964), and Quality Hill Playhouse perform several shows in Kansas City each season, including operas, plays, musicals, and cabaret shows. All three companies are active today, providing entertainment to thousands in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains materials about the Kansas City Ballet, the Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Missouri Repertory Theatre, and the State Ballet of Missouri. Included are annual reports, articles, brochures, financial budgets, reports, and statements, press releases, programs, and promotional materials.

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