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**Arizona Opera League of Tucson
1929 - 2012**

DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Opera League of Tucson Collection contains organizational records including meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, and short biographical sketches of past presidents of the organization. League scrapbooks highlight the yearly activities, events, and individuals associated with the organization from 1973 to 2011. Notebooks with newspaper clippings feature reported activities from 1988 to 1992 with additional clippings throughout the scrapbooks. Folders covering the yearly Opera League Home Tour are present from 1976 to 2012 and the League sponsored Fashion for the Arts (later changed to Opera) Program from 1978 to 2004. One scrapbook has opera player listings for the New York Opera Company with performances from 1929 to 1938.

61 Boxes, 36 Linear Feet
2 oversize items

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Arizona Opera Company began in Tucson in 1971 with two performances at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall. In 1973, the Opera Dames was organized by six Tucson women (with the title changed in 1988 to Arizona Opera League of Tucson). The purpose of the organization has been to raise support for the Arizona Opera, stimulate an awareness of opera through cultural and educational endeavors, and “have a good time doing it.” Throughout the years the League has sponsored numerous support activities including a yearly Arizona Opera League Home Tour program, dinner dances, silent auctions, Opera League Fashion Shows, and other fund-raising activities.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Jean Cooper, President Arizona Opera League in 2012

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2012.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged into three series: Series 1: Organizational Records, Programs, and History, 1972-2012; Series 2: Opera League Scrapbooks & Clippings Notebooks, 1972-2011; Series 3: Albums & Binders Featuring Special Events and Activities, 1929-2008. In addition, there are two oversized items: Poster of Opera League Home Tour and Poster Opera League Carnevale Masked Ball.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Series 1: Organizational Records, Programs, and History, 1972 – 2012

Folder:1 Arizona Opera League of Tucson History & By Laws (with photos)	2003/2006
f.2 Biographies – Executive Board Members	1973 – 2012
f.3 Biographies – Glynn Ross (General Director)	1984 – 1998
f.4 Biographies – Joan Cox (President)	1972 – 1973
f.5 Biographies – Velma De Callier (President)	1973 – 1976
f.6 Biographies – Joan Mittendorf & Alba Reed (President)	1976 – 1978
f.7 Biographies – Jean Hoag (President)	1978 – 1980
f.8 Biographies – Peggy Vallery & Jean Hoag (President)	1978 – 1980
f.9 Biographies – Mary Gekas (President)	1980 – 1986
f.10 Biographies – Barbara Anzalone (President)	1986 – 1988
f.11 Biographies – Margaret Coyne (President)	1988 – 1989
f.12 Biographies – Elaine Murtha & Miriam Hyatt (President)	1989 – 1990
f.13 Biographies – Francoise Loubet (President)	1990 – 1992
f.14 Biographies – Frances Bishop (President)	1992 – 1994
f.15 Biographies – Trude Raymond (President)	1994 – 1996
f.16 Biographies – Anne Davis & Marty Salzman (President)	1996 – 1997
f.17 Biographies – Helen Jones (President)	1997 – 2000
f.18 Biographies – Jeannette Segel (President)	2000 – 2003
f.19 Biographies – Sue Haley (President)	2003 – 2004
f.20 Biographies – Ingrid Miller (President)	2004 – 2005
f.21 Biographies – Leda Hanin & Pat Smith (President)	2005 – 2006
f.22 Biographies – Cecile Follansbee (President)	2006 – 2009
f.23 Biographies – Jean Cooper (President)	2009 – 2012
f.24-28 League Meeting Minutes	1975 – 1984

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f.29-40 League Meeting Minutes	1984 – 1998
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Box 3

f.41-52 League Meeting Minutes	1998 – 2009
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Box 4

f.53-54 League Meeting Minutes	2010 – 2011
f.55 Treasurer Reports/Financial Statements	1977 – 1982
f.56-61 Opera League Newsletters	1973 – 1992

Box 5

f.62-71 League Correspondence & Publicity 1973 – 1987

Box 6

f.72-81 League Correspondence & Publicity 1988 – 2005

Box 7

f.82-84 League Correspondence & Publicity 2006 – 2009

f.85 League Correspondence & Publicity (With Photos) 2010 – 2011

f.86-87 Frances C. Bishop's Presidential Notebook 1992 – 1994

f.88-99 Opera League Tucson Homes Tour Programs 1976 – 1987

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f.100-123 Opera League Tucson Homes Tour Programs 1989 – 2012

Box 9

f.125-141 Fashion For the Arts Programs 1978 – 1982

f.130 Fashion For the Arts Program (With Photos) 1983

f.131-135 Fashion For the Arts Programs 1984 – 1987

f.136 Fashion For the Arts Program (With Photos) 1989

f.137-139 Fashion For the Arts Programs 1990 – 1993

f.140 Fashion For the Arts Program (With Photos) 1994

f.141 Fashion For the Arts Program 1995

f.142 Fashion For the Opera Program 1996

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f.143-151 Fashion For the Opera Programs 1997 – 2004

Series 2: Opera League Scrapbooks & Clippings Notebooks, 1972 – 2011

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Box 12 Opera League Scrapbook 1975 – 1976

Box 13 Opera League Scrapbook 1976 – 1977

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Box 25	Opera League Newspaper Clippings Binder	1988 – 1989
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Box 50	Opera League Scrapbook	2010 – 2011
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Series 3: Albums & Binders Featuring Special Events and Activities, 1929 - 2008

Box 51	Opera League Players Photos & Programs	1976 – 1991
Box 52	Opera League Christmas Party Photo Album	1980
Box 53	Opera League Fashion Show Photo Album	1980
Box 54	Opera League Home Tour Photo Album	1989
Box 55	Opera League Photo Album	2000 – 2002
Box 56	Opera League Photo Album	2002 – 2003
Box 57	Opera League Carnevale Photo Album	2008
Box 58	Opera League Golf Tournament	2008
Box 59	Video Tape of Dames/League Activities	1987
Box 60	Program Player Listings for New York Opera Company Scrapbook	1929 – 1938

Oversized Poster Items:

Poster for Opera League Home Tour	2009
Poster for Opera League Carnevale Masked Ball	2008