

Kansas City/Local Area Fine Arts Programs Collection

This collection contains fine arts programs from numerous sources in the metro Kansas City area. It is an open collection and new programs are added as they become available.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Missouri Valley Special Collections
Title: Kansas City/Local Area Fine Arts Programs collection
Dates: circa 1880-
Size: 60+ linear feet, boxes and bound volumes
Location: SC66

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Acquisition information: Artificial collection, parts acquired at various times.

Custodial history: Many of the bound programs came from the library's Reference Department, many loose programs came from the department's vertical files, received individual donations over the years. Some accession numbers include: #1998-46, #2001-12, #2001-47, #2003-01.

Citation note: Kansas City/Local Area Fine Arts Programs collection (SC66), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Scope and content note

The Fine Arts/Theatre programs assembled for this collection are contained, at the time of re-processing, in 66 pamphlet boxes, 27 oversize boxes, and 109 bound volumes. The collection is designed to be added to as additional programs are acquired through donation and department acquisition.

At the time of processing, an effort was made to gather all the programs presently found in the Main branch of the Kansas City Public Library. These included classed, primarily bound programs found in the Central Reference department as well as in Special Collections. The vertical files found in Special Collections were also checked and a few programs were also found in the department's area of unprocessed special collections.

The programs have been arranged alphabetically by theater name, theater group name, or sponsoring fine arts series. Within these groupings, the programs are arranged chronologically. For those programs in which no date could be determined, a "n.d." folder(s) has been placed at the end of each category's dated programs. Those undated programs for theater plays have been placed in an alphabetical arrangement by play title and placed at the end of that category's dated programs.

An alphabetical index of the three above named groupings is available with "see" and "see also" entries. When "see also" has been used with an entry, it means

see the other categories listed for additional programs. This has been done especially for fine arts groups who played in various theaters or locations in the area. The dates are given in the index with each category name. When programs are housed in the oversize boxes, this is also noted in the index. There is no indexing of play titles, actors or actresses, writers, producers, etc.

The bulk of the programs cover the twentieth century. There are a few late nineteenth century ones, as those for the Coates House, Gillis House, Warder Grand, etc. A great deal of time was devoted to determining the exact year/date for the programs. Many of the early ones gave the month and day but not the year. With the help of a perpetual calendar, many dates were determined.

Most all of the programs in this collection are for Kansas City events, but there are additional programs for events in the metropolitan area including such areas as Independence, Missouri and Leavenworth, Kansas, and as far as Saint Louis, Missouri. Many of the early musical concerts were held in local churches and high school facilities and these have been included, arranged usually by church or school name. The programs in this collection are in no way all-inclusive but do provide good coverage of the major fine arts events. Some categories may include only 1 or 2 programs.

The Fritschy concert series programs have been left as a single category. Walter A. Fritschy was a local concertmaster who promoted his series, which brought to this area big name national and international talent during the circa 1906-1950s time period. He provided his concerts at reasonable prices and thus gave many in the area the opportunity to attend. They were held at various locations in Kansas City over the years. Another popular series was the Ruth Seufert Concerts and these may be found in the "Music Hall" category.

Most of the Special Collections department's fine arts related material has now been placed in the SC 66 series. SC 66-1, 2, etc. contain primarily scrapbooks dealing with the arts and owned and maintained by various people. They were donated to the library over the past years. These scrapbooks supplement the loose programs found in SC 66 and should be consulted in order to gain a more thorough understanding of the fine arts scene in Kansas City over the last hundred plus years.

Collection Inventory

Theater Programs

Arranged alphabetically by theater, theater group, or place of performance,
Inclusive dates are many times incomplete

Accent Theatre—n.d.

Actors' Ensemble -1987, n.d.
See also: Oversize: n.d.

Alanz Theatre - 1998, n.d.

American Guild of Organists, Greater Kansas City Chapter – 2005, 2006, 2008,
2011-2012
See also: Oversize: 2005

American Heartland Theater—1987, 1988, 1991, 1996-2006, 2008-2011
See also: Kansas City Spotlight Magazine - 1987-1997

American Royal: Concert for Champions - 1997, 1998

Ararat Temple—1928-1929, 1932, 1934, 1937, n.d.

See also: Oversize, n.d.

See also: Fritschy Concert Series, Junior League- Follies, Kansas City Civic Grand Opera, Kansas City Drama League

Athenaeum Auditorium—1915, 1923, n.d.

See also: Horner Institute

Atkins Auditorium (Nelson Gallery of Art)—1939, 1941-1948, 1958-1959, 1968, 1972-1973, n.d.

(Listing of program presenters as follows: Conservatory of Music, Kansas City Concert Orchestra, Kansas City WPA Concert Orchestra, various sororities, Stephens College Faculty Quartet, Nora LaMar Moss, Chamber Orchestra, and Ouray Quartet)

The Auditorium Theatre—1890, 1893, 1897, 1900-1901, 1904-1907, 1910

See also: Oversize, 1893?

See also: Kansas City Music Club, Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Theatre

The Auditorium-RLDS—See RLDS-Auditorium

Ballet Productions—1934-1944

Bound (includes both local programs and New York programs)

Barnplayers—1958-1960, 2000, n.d.

Battenfield Auditorium—n.d.

Bell Road Barn Players—1988, 1990, 1996, 1997

Bellerive Hotel—1943

Benedictine College—1971-1974

Black Friars Little Theatre—See Little Theatre

Cathedral of Immaculate Conception—1971-1972, 1999

Capri Theatre—1971

Carleson Center—See: Johnson County Community College

Catholic Community Service—1958-1960

Central High School—1904, 1906, 1933-35, 1938, n.d.

Central Junior High School—1930, 1934

Chanticleer Players—1924-1926, n.d.

See also: Oversize, 1924-1926

Chickering Hall—n.d.

Chorale Arts Ensemble of Kansas City—1985-1986

Circle Cabaret—See: Circle Theatre

Circle Theatre (at Union Station)—1962-1966, n.d.

City in Motion Dance Theatre—1991

See also: Folly Theatre

City Stage (at Union Station)—2000

Civic Choral Club (Kansas City, Kansas)—1926

Coach House Players—1965, n.d.

Coates Opera House—1877, 1879-1880, 1881, 1890, 1893, 1898-1900, n.d.

See also: Oversize, late 1800's

See also: Kansas City Symphony Orchestra

College Faculty Players—n.d.

Community of Christ Auditorium - See RLDS Auditorium

Community of Christ, *Dome and Spire Series*—2006-

Community Christian Church—2005

Concert For Champions—See: American Royal

Conservatory of Music of Kansas City—1939-1941, 1956-1957, 1960, 1965-

1966, 1972-1973, 1987, 1990, 1997, 2001-2002, 2005-2008, n.d.

See also: Atkins Auditorium

Convention Hall—1901, 1903 (Adelina Patti), 1905-1906, 1910, 1913, 1916-

1917, 1919, 1922-1923, 1925-1926, 1928, 1930-1931, 1934, n.d.

See also: Oversize, 1926, "The Miracle"

See also: Fritschy Concert Series, Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra,

Kansas City Symphony Orchestra

Corbin Theatre Company—2005

Coterie Theatre—2000, 2008-2010

See also: Oversize: 1995

Country Club Christian Church—1971

Crown Center Friday Nite Concerts—1989

Cultural Education Center - See Johnson County Community College

Dempsey Piano School (St. Louis) - 1924

Dramatic League of Kansas City—1931-1932

Exposition Music Hall (St. Louis) – 1895-1896

First Baptist Church—1938, 1958

Folly Theater—1981-1983, 1986, 1989, 2007-2009, n.d.
See also: Oversize, 1981 1990, n.d.

Ford's Theatre – 2009

Friends of Chamber Music—1989-1990
Bound, 1984-1993
See also: Oversize, 1996-1998, 2000-

Fritschy Concert Series—1911-1912, 1914-1921, 1923-1948, 1950-1952, n.d.

Garden Theatre—1916

The Gayety—1920

Gem Theater—1998

Gorilla Theater Productions—2002-2003

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral – 2008

Grace Episcopal Church - 1913

Grand Theatre—1899-1910, 1917-1921, n.d.
See also: Kansas City Symphony Orchestra

Heart of America Community Opera—1934

Heartland Men's Chorus—2000, 2004-2005

Helen S. Thomes School of Dancing – See Ivanhoe Temple

Horner Institute of Fine Arts (Kansas City-Horner Conservatory)—1922, 1925-1926, ca 1930's; See also: Ivanhoe Temple

Independence Symphony Orchestra—1956-1959
See also: Oversize: 2002

Interpretive Talks on Modern Drama (Miss Maude Morrison)—1914-1915

Ivanhoe Temple—1923-1928, 1930-1938, n.d.
See also: Fritschy Concert Series, Horner Institute, Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Theatre

Jenkins Auditorium—1945
Includes voice pupils of Nora LaMar Moss and Kansas City Guild of Music and Allied Arts Teachers recital

Jewish Community Center—2008-2009

See Also: Resident Theatre

Johnson County Community College—1997-2001, 2006

See also: Stage Left Series

KC Spotlight Magazine 1987-1997

Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department—1974

Junior College of Kansas City—n.d.

Junior League-Follies—1920, 1925

Junior League-Children's Theater—n.d.

Kansas City Art Institute (Epperson Hall)—1939, 1955, 1957

Kansas City Ballet - 1982, 1986, 2003-2004, 2008, 2011

Kansas City Chamber Choir—1972, 1974

Kansas City Chamber Consort—1973

See also: Third Thursday Concert Series

Kansas City Chamber Orchestra— 1991-1992

See Also: Atkins Auditorium

Kansas City Chorale—1983, 1986-1987, 2010-2011

See also: Oversize, 1997, 1999, 2009

Kansas City Circle Theatre—See Circle Theatre

Kansas City Civic Grand Opera Company—1913, 1916, 1918, 1927, n.d.

See also: The Auditorium Theatre

Kansas City Civic Orchestral Society (Kansas City Civic Orchestra)—1942, 1960-1961, 1963-1964

See also: Oversize, 1961-1985

Kansas City Club—1891 **(MISSING)**

Kansas City (W.P.A.) Concert Orchestra—See Atkins Auditorium

Kansas City Drama League—1928

Kansas City Friends of Opera Association—1940

Kansas City Grand Opera Company—See Kansas City Civic Grand Opera Company

Kansas City Harmony—2005

Kansas City-Horner Conservatory—See Horner Institute

Kansas City Little Symphony Orchestra—n.d.

Kansas City Lyric Theatre—See Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus – n.d.

Kansas City Musical Club—1908-1912, 1930, 1935-37, n.d.

Kansas City Parks and Recreation – n.d.

Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra Association—1933-1961, 1963-1965, 1971-1974, n.d.

See also: Bound, 1933-1974

See also: Oversize, 1937-1988

Kansas City Playbill—1984

Kansas City Public Library-Third Thursdays Concert Series—See Third Thursday Concert Series

Kansas City Repertory Theatre – 2004-2012
Formerly the Missouri Repertory Theatre

Kansas City Singers – 2002

Kansas City Spotlight Magazine—1983, 1985-1999, 2009, 2011, n.d.

Kansas City Symphony Orchestra (first)—1895-1905, 1911-1918, 1921-1924, 1926-1927

See also: Oversize, 1927

See also: Ivanhoe Temple

Kansas City Symphony Orchestra (second)—1986-1990, 1994-1995, 1998-1999, 2001-2011

See also: Bound, 1984-1985, 1985-1986 seasons

See also: Oversize, 1988-

Kansas City Theatre—1922-1925, n.d.

Kansas City Town Hall Forum—1947-1948, 1951, 1958, 1961-1965, n.d.

See also: KMBC Auditorium

Kansas City Young Matrons Club—1944, n.d.

KMBC Auditorium—1951-1953, n.d.

Kimo Theatre—n.d.

Late Night Theatre—ca. 2000

Liberty Performing Arts Theatre—2004

Liberty Symphony Orchestra—2003-2004, 2010-2012

Liberty Theatre—ca 1920

Limelight Theatre—1973
See also: Oversize, 1973?

Linwood Methodist Church—1939, 1943

Little Theatre—1917, 1931

Loew's Midland Theatre—1927, 1959

Loose Memorial Park—1942, 1957

Lovelnc - 2007

Lyceum Hall—1895-1896

Lyric Opera of Kansas City—1997-1999, 2001-2010 1961-1975, 1998, 1999-2001, 2002-2012

See also: Bound, 1980-1988, 1992

See also: Oversize, 1959-1989

Lyric Theatre (old)—1912

Lyric Theatre – 1960-1961, 1963-1964, 1956-1968, 1970-1971, 1973-1975, n.d.

Mark Twain Follies—n.d.

Mary Evans School of Dance—1950

Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre – 2009

Midland Theatre - 1983, n.d.

See Also: KC Spotlight Magazine 1987-1997

Theater League

Miscellaneous—n.d.

Missouri Repertory Theatre—1971, 1994-2004

Currently the Kansas City Repertory Theatre

See also: Bound, 1982-1986

See also: Oversize, 1980-1996, 1999-

Missouri Theatre—1926, n.d.

See also: Junior League-Follies

Moss, Nora LaMar—See Jenkins Auditorium and Kansas City Art Institute

Mount Saint Scholastica—1971

Mu Phi Epsilon—1928, 1937, 1965-1966, 1972

See also: University of Kansas City-Missouri

Municipal Auditorium—1936-1937, 1946, 1962, 1964, n.d.

Music Hall—1889 (**MISSING**), 1937-1940, 1942-1943, 1945-1951, 1953-1967, 1969, 1971-1973, 1975, 2008, n.d.

See also: Oversize, 1937-1938, 1941-1945, 1947, 1962, n.d.

See also: Fritschy Concert Series, Kansas City Friends of Opera, Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, Performing Arts Foundation of Kansas City, William Jewell Harriman Arts Series

Music Lovers Committee of One Hundred—See Ararat Temple (Oversize)

National College—1961

National Council of Jewish Women—n.d.

Neo Play House – See: Chanticleer Players

New Theatre - See: KC Spotlight Magazine

Nordica Operatic Concert Company—n.d.

Northgate Community Theatre—1991

Northland Actors Ensemble—1998-1999

Northland Symphony Orchestra—1973, 2004-2008, 2010-2011

Northwinds Symphonic Band—2004-2005, 2008

Oratorio Society—See Convention Hall

Orpheum Theatre—1900-1901, 1905-1908, 1913, 1924, 1926, 1929-1930, 1950-1954, n.d.

See also: Oversize, 1936-1937

Pantages—n.d.

Parade of Champions Quartet - 1952

Park University International Center for Music—2005-2008

Pembroke-Country Day School—1954

Philharmonia of Kansas City—1999, 2006

Philharmonic Society—1886

Pla Mor Ice Palace—1940

Playergoers League—See Music Hall

Playhouse—n.d. [1955]

Plaza Theatre—1928, 1953, n.d.

Quality Hill Playhouse - 1989, 1993, 1995-1996, 1998, 2000-2001, 2004, 2009, 2011

RLDS Auditorium—1962, 1971-1974
See also: Oversize 1986, 1992

Resident Theatre—1935-1943, 1946, 1948-1950, 1965, 1970

Rockhurst University—*Musica Sacra*: 1994-

Ruth Seufert Concerts—See Music Hall

Saint Mary College – 1968-1969

Schubert Club – 1912-1915, n.d.

Scottish Rite Temple—1931, 1939

Second Presbyterian Church—1970-1972, n.d.
See also: Oversize, 1958-1959

Seufert, Ruth Concerts—See Music Hall

Shubert Theatre—1903, 1906-1913, 1916-1920, 1924-1935, n.d.
See also: Oversize, 1910-1934
See also: Fritschy Concert Series, Horner Institute, Kansas City Civic Grand Opera Company, Kansas City Musical Club, Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Theatre

Stage Left Series—1997, 2000

Standard Theatre—n.d.

Starlight Theatre: Summer Concert Series - 1983, 1998

Starlight Theatre—1951-1962, 1964, 1968-1969, 1987-1991, 1993, 1996-1998, 2000-2006, 2009, 2011
See also: Bound, 1951-1979 (incomplete)
See also: Oversize, 1952, 1963-1966, 1970-1971, 1976-1985

State Ballet of Missouri—1998-1999
See also: Oversize, 1987-1988

Temple Auditorium (9th and Grand)—See Fritschy Concert Series

Theater in the Park—2001

Theater in the Park (Gladstone)—1996, 2001-2002

Theater League - 1979-1984, 89, 1991-1992, 2000-, n.d.(circa 1980s)
See also: KC Spotlight Magazine 1987-1997, n.d.

Third Thursdays Concert Series—1971

Tiffany's Attic—May 1972, 1973, n.d.

Unicorn Theatre—1985, 1987-1988, 1990-1992, 1995-2003

Union Station - See: Circle Theatre, City Stage

Unitarian Coach House Singers—See Coach House Singers

University Club of Kansas City – 1936

University of Kansas—1929, 1970-1972, 1974

See also: Oversize, 1969

University of Kansas City-Music—1937, 1946-1952, 1955-1959

University of Kansas City Playhouse, Drama—1935, 1949-1966, 1979-1980, n.d.

See also: Oversize, n.d.

University of Kansas City – University Players/Varsity Players – 1934, 1936-1937

University of Missouri – Kansas City - See Conservatory of Music

UMKC Summer Repertory Theatre—1967

UMKC Theatre - 2006

Van Horn High School Auditorium—See Independence Symphony Orchestra

Vassar Girls—n.d.

Victoria Theatre—1955-1958, 1960, n.d.

Waldo Astoria Dinner Playhouse—n.d.

Warder Grand (Opera House) Theatre—1888, 1891

See also: Oversize, 1887

West Side Christian Church – n.d.

Westport Avenue Presbyterian Church - 1915

Westport Ballet—See Folly Theatre

Westport Coffee House—n.d. (circa 1998)

Wichita Symphony Orchestra – 1942-1943

Wickes, Elbert A. Company – n.d.

William Jewell College (Harriman Arts Series)—1965-1966, 1970-1971, 1975-1977

See also: Oversize, 1965, 1972, 1975-1980, 1989, 1990, 1992-1993, 1995, 1997-

Willis Wood Theatre—1902-1913, 1916-1917, n.d.
See also: Kansas City Symphony Orchestra

Yardley Hall - See: Johnson County Community College

Youth Symphony of Kansas City—1958-1966, 1969, 1973-1975, 1984, 1986

Young Men's/Women's Hebrew Association Auditorium
(Y.M.H.A.) / (Y.W.H.A.)—See Horner Institute, Ivanhoe Temple

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Oversize Theatre Programs

Actor's Ensemble – n.d.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater - 2008

American Guild of Organists, Greater Kansas City Chapter – 2005, 2007

Ararat Temple—n.d.

The Auditorium Theatre—ca. 1893

Avila College--1966-67, 1974

Bach Aria Soloists – 2008-2009

Barry Christian Church - 2007

Chanticleer Players—1924-1926

Choral Arts Ensemble of Kansas City –

Coach House Players – ca. 1966

Coates Opera House—late 1800's

Community of Christ Auditorium - See RLDS: The Auditorium

Connoisseur Concert Programs—1968-1969

Conservatory of Music - 2006 (100th Anniversary)

The Convention Hall—1926, "The Miracle"

Coterie Theater – 1995, 2009-2010

Country Club United Methodist Church – 2009

Educational Programs Analyzed (Hans C. Feil)—1925

Fine Arts Chorale—2006 (**MISSING**)

Folly Theater—1981, 1990, n.d.

Friends of Chamber Music—1996-1998, 2000-2012

Gilliss Opera House—n.d. (early)

Grace and Holy Trinity Church – 2006

Grand Avenue Temple - 1983

Heart of America Chorus—1999

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival – 2002, 2008

Ice Capades—1941-1943
(also includes programs for Holiday on Ice of 1952, and Skating Vanities of 1949)

Independence Symphony—2002

Kansas City Chamber Music Society—1922-1923

Kansas City Chorale—1997, 1999, 2004, 2009

Kansas City Civic Ballet – 1969-1971

Kansas City Civic Orchestra—1961-1966, 1985

Kansas City Lyric Theatre--See: Lyric Theater

Kansas City Philharmonic Association—1937-1939, 1941, 1944-1950, 1952-1954, 1957-1959, 1962, 1964-1965, 1967-1972, 1974-1982, 1987-1988

Kansas City Repertory Theater—2004
See: Missouri Repertory Theater

Kansas City Singers—2003-2006

Kansas City Symphony (first)—1927

Kansas City Symphony (second)—1987-1991, 1994-2009

Liberty Symphony Orchestra—1999-2010

The Light Opera Association of the University of Kansas City – n.d.

Limelight Theatre—1973

Lyric Theatre—1959-1960, 1962-1974, 1976-1979, 1981-1982, 1984-1989, 1992, 1998-1999, n.d.

Mark Playhouse—1963-1964

Medical Arts Symphony Orchestra—1971

Missouri Repertory—1970, 1980-1996, 1999

Municipal Auditorium Theatre - 1938

Music Hall—1937-1938, 1941-1945, 1947, 1962, n.d.

Musical Theater Heritage – 2010-2011

Octarium – 2009

Orpheum Theatre—1936-1937

Ovation Magazine-See Kansas City Symphony

Performing Arts Foundation of Kansas City—1965-1968, 1970

RLDS Auditorium - 1986, 1992, 2006

Rockhurst University – 1994 – 2007, 2010

Second Presbyterian Church—1958-1959

Shubert Theatre—1910, 1933-1934. n.d.

Society Hall (St. Louis) - 1879

Spring for Jazz—1968

Starlight Theatre—1952, 1957, 1963-1986, 1988

State Ballet of Missouri—1987-1988

Summer Singers of Kansas City—2006

Summerfest—2003-2010

University of Kansas—1969

University of Kansas City Playhouse—1955, n.d.

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music (UMKC) - See:
Conservatory of Music2006 (100th Anniversary)

Visitation Church - 2007

Warder Grand Opera House—1887

William Jewell College (Harriman Arts Series)—1965, 1972-1980, 1989, 1990-
1995, 1997-2000, 2006-2008, 2011

William Jewell College—2001-

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