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Guide to the Edwin S. Childs Playbills Collection, 1950-2000

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Childs, Edwin S.
Title: Edwin S. Childs Playbills Collection, 1950-2000
Accession number: 2001-0229R
Provenance: Gift of Edwin S. Childs, 2001.
Extent: 3.64 cubic feet
Repository: Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries, Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Access

Unrestricted access.

Preferred Citation

Edwin S. Childs Playbills Collection, 1950-2000, Accession 2001-0229R, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: Playbills, Other Performances, Playbill Magazine, and Scrapbook.

Biographical Note

Edwin S. Childs of State College, Pennsylvania, began attending plays, concerts, and theatricals since he was a boy. His grandmother and aunt took him into New York City every Saturday to improve his cultural education. Over fifty years he attended hundred of plays and concerts, and kept all the Playbills from every play he has seen,

1950-2000.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 508 Playbill programs for theatrical plays in Boston, New York City, and State College, Pennsylvania, as well other cities. There are ninety-four programs for ballets, bands, concerts, movie specials, operas, orchestras, Radio City Music Hall, soloists, and special events. Additionally, there is a run of *Playbill Magazine*, March 1983-July 1985. There is also a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about theatrical productions, 1961-1966.

The Playbills and Other Performances series are listed in a database converted to HTML documents.

Index Terms

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Pennsylvania State University. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Topical Subjects

Plays

Theater programs

Form/Genre Terms

Playbills

Scrapbooks

Container List

Playbills Series

Playbills, 1950-2000.

Other Performances Series

Other Performances, 1956-1999.

Playbill Magazine Series

Playbill Magazine, 1983-1985.

Scrapbook Series

Scrapbook, 1961-1966.