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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

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### Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 5 boxes; 1 folder

### Repository

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## Source of Acquisition

Materials in the Lyric Theatre Collection were received from a variety of sources prior to 2000.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Lyric Theatre Collection was completed in October 2017.

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# Scope and Content

The Lyric Theatre Collection contains lobby cards, event programs, film flyers, and several film-related newsletters, dating from 1922 to 2006. The majority of the collection consists of lobby cards (1936-1979) and film flyers (undated, but mostly c.1920s-1950s). The lobby cards include program schedules, film times/dates, and local advertisements. Programs printed specifically for Lyric Theatre events include information for single-events, as well as pamphlets or flyers advertising a series of events (usually occurring around the same time). The film flyers were mass-produced for movie theater use, but most of the ones in this collection contain a stamp with the name "Lyric" and show dates and/or times.

# Related Archival Materials

Special Collections and University Archives contains a number of resources (books and manuscripts) that relate to the history of the Lyric Theatre.

- Files and architectural drawings in Projects #174, #340, #433, #480, #497, #1019, #1497, and #1883, Lyric Theatre, Smithey & Boynton, Architects & Engineers Records, Ms1992-027. Finding aid available online.
- Lyric Theatre folder, Historical Photograph Collection. Finding aid available online.
- Lyric Theatre folder, Blacksburg Vertical File. Finding aid available online.
- *Lyric Resource Notebook*, compiled by Stephen Michener, 1994. Copy available for use in Special Collections and University Archives.
- *The Lyric Theatre: The Heart of Blacksburg*, a history written by Lesley Howard, Su Clauson-Wicker, and Cheryl Wood Ruggiero, 2015. Copies available in Special Collections and University Archives and Newman Library.

# Keywords

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# Arrangement

The Lyric Theatre Collection is arranged in series and subseries by material type. Series I: Lobby Cards, 1936-1979, are in chronological order. Any duplicates of existing cards are located in a separate box at the end of the series.

Series II: Programs and Film Flyers, 1922-2006, is divided into two subseries. Subseries A: Programs, includes flyers, broadsides, and small pamphlets published for Lyric-specific events like film screenings, plays, or local shows. This subseries is organized into two parts: programs for single events and programs for multiple events. Within each section, materials are in chronological order with undated items at the end. Subseries B: Film Flyers are mostly undated (or only contain a month/day). This subseries contains small pamphlets, broadsides, and other ephemera describing individual films (some combination of titles, producers, directors, and/or actors). Many contain a stamp for the Lyric with show dates and/or times. In additions, this subseries includes four oversize film newsletters and flyers. Materials in this subseries are in alphabetical order by film title.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Lobby Cards

**Unit Date** 1936-1979

**Unit Date** 1936-1940

**box** 1

**Unit Date** 1941-1956

**box** 2

**Unit Date** 1957-1979

**box** 3

**Duplicates of cards in Boxes 1-3**

**box** 4

### Series II: Programs and Film Flyers

**Unit Date** 1922-2006

**Unit Date** 1920s-1930s

#### Subseries A: Programs

**Unit Date** 1922-2006

##### Lyric Programs (for multiple events)

**Unit Date** 1923-1928, 2006, n.d.

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

##### Lyric Programs (for single events)

**Unit Date** 1922, 1995, n.d.

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Subseries B: Film Flyers

**Unit Date** n.d., but likely c.1920s-1950s

##### Film Flyers, A-D

**box-folder** 5 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Film Flyers, E-H****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Film Flyers, I-N****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Film Flyers, O-S****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Film Flyers, T-Z****box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Oversize Flyers and Newsletters****Unit Date** c.1930s?**folder** 1