

# Guide to the Carol Berger Chicago performing arts playbills collection, 1988-2015

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection Number

C0263

### Date

1988-2015

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1 (Box)

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection largely consists of playbills from Chicago's Lyric Opera House, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and regional theatres collected by Carol Berger. There are also ticket stubs from the performances, as well as materials from the Art Institute of Chicago.

### Creator

Berger, Carol

### Physical Characteristics

1.0 linear feet (4 boxes)

### Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

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# Historical Information

The Lyric Opera of Chicago was founded by Carol Fox, Lawrence V. Kelly and Nicola Rescigno in 1954. It is located in the Civic Opera Building which first opened its doors on November 4, 1929. The Civic Opera Building was envisioned by Samuel Insull as the predominant place for operatic performances. The Lyric Opera is now globally renowned for their chorus, orchestra, as well as their preservation of the cultural importance of opera in Chicago, Illinois. Several other nationally and internationally renowned theatres are also included in the collection of playbills.

# Scope and Content note

This collection largely consists of playbills from Chicago's Lyric Opera House, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and regional theatres collected by Carol Berger. There are also ticket stubs from a handful of the performances, as well as materials from the Art Institute of Chicago. The playbills from Chicago's Lyric Opera House span the course of twenty-one seasons from the 34th to the 57th. The largest part of the collection consists of playbills from regional theatres from across the United States, including one piece from the San Francisco Opera. A smaller portion of the collection is made up of pamphlets from the Art Institute of Chicago that describe a few fashion and art exhibitions from 1996 to 2015.

# Related Material

Special Collections Research Center holds many other performing arts collections which include the [Virginia Nelson playbills collection](#), the [Charles Rodrigues playbills collection](#), the [Broadway souvenir theatre programs collection](#), and the [Larry Schecker playbills and pamphlets collection](#).

# Index Terms

## Geographical Names:

Chicago (Ill.)

## Subjects:

Performing arts.

Theater programs.

Theater--United States.

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# Arrangement

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