Local Theater Programs
Scope and Content Note
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This collection consists of 309 theater programs and ten pieces of theater-related ephemera, not counting duplicates, dating from 1900 to 2005. The majority of the items are from the immediate Binghamton, New York region. Fifty-five programs are from theaters in other areas of New York State: Afton, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Greene, Syracuse, Utica, and New York City. Three programs came from outside of New York State: two from the Lyceum Theatre, in Toledo, Ohio, and one from Keith’s Theatre, in Providence, Rhode Island. There are six programs from unknown theaters or regions. Fifty-three of the programs from outside the immediate Binghamton area were donated by Mr. Bill Potter.

The collection is arranged alphabetically by locale: Binghamton area, Afton, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Greene, New York City, Syracuse, Utica, Other States; thereunder alphabetically by theater or production company; then year, and finally alphabetical by title. The twenty-one programs from the Strand Theater in Binghamton, New York, are for films. These programs are mostly from 1920 and 1921. There is one from 1922 and one from 1926. All the other programs are for live performances.

The larger runs of programs for live performance include:

- 62 programs from the Stone Opera House, Binghamton, NY: [1906]-1924
- 41 programs from the Triple Cities Playhouse, Binghamton, NY: 1952-1956
- 27 programs from the Loomis Opera House, Binghamton, NY: 1903-1904
- 24 programs from the Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, NY: 1919-1925
- 17 programs from the Cortland Opera House, Cortland, NY: 1900-1904

The complete list of theaters and/or production companies represented in the collection is as follows:

**Binghamton Area:**

Armory Theatre, Binghamton, NY
Binghamton Theater, Binghamton, NY
Civic Theatre, Binghamton, NY
Comedy Playhouse, Binghamton, NY
Cricket Playhouse, Binghamton, NY
[Forum Theatre], Binghamton, NY
Helen Foley Theatre, Binghamton High School, Binghamton, NY
Kalurah Temple, Binghamton, NY
Loomis Opera House, Binghamton, NY
Opera Center, Binghamton, NY
S.R.O. Productions, Binghamton, NY
Southern Tier Playhouse, Binghamton, NY
Stone Opera House, Binghamton, NY
Strand Theater, Binghamton, NY
Summer Savoyards, Binghamton, NY
Triple Cities Playhouse, Binghamton, NY
Valley Playhouse, Binghamton, NY
Swarthmore Chautauqua Association, presented in Harpursville, NY
Harmony Playhouse, Inc., Johnson City, NY
Tyler Theatre, Whitney Point, NY

Areas Outside of Binghamton:
Afton High School, Afton, NY
Cortland Opera House, Cortland, NY
New Cortland Theatre, Cortland, NY
Corning Summer Theatre, Corning, NY
The Domes, Elmira NY
Rorick’s Glen Park Theatre, Elmira, NY
Redpath Chautauqua System, Greene, NY
Belasco Theatre, New York City, NY
Casino Theatre, New York City, NY
Daly’s Theatre, New York City, NY
Empire Theatre, New York City, NY
Garrick Theatre, New York City, NY
Grand Opera House, New York City, NY
Herald Square Theatre, New York City, NY
Lyceum Theatre, New York City, NY
Lyric Theatre, New York City, NY
Majestic Theatre, New York City, NY
New Amsterdam Theatre, New York City, NY
New York Theatre, New York City, NY
Princess Theatre, New York City, NY
Bastable Theatre, Syracuse, NY
B.F. Keith’s Theatre, Syracuse, NY
Wieting Opera House, Syracuse, NY
Majestic Theatre, Utica, NY
Keith’s Theatre, Providence, RI
Lyceum Theatre, Toledo, OH

There are also five programs of unknown origin.

The programs, both for the films and the live performances, often contain cast and crew lists, cast biographies, a synopsis of the scenes, local advertising, and jokes (especially in the programs from the 1920s and earlier).

Notable performers who played in the Binghamton, New York, area include: Sergei Rachmaninoff, Tallulah Bankhead, Buster Keaton, Edward Everett Norton, Basil Rathbone, Red
Buttons, Betsy von Furstenberg, Christopher Plummer, Eva Gabor, Veronica Lake, Shelly Winters, and Chico Marx among many others.

The non-program materials consist of photographs, ticket stubs, advertising flyers, newspaper clippings, and a few pages of notes kept by a theater buff.

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Binghamton Area

Folder 1  History of "Theatres of Binghamton, N.Y." [Suzanne R. Conole]

Folder 2  Armory Theatre:
City Belles, 1915
Blind Man's Bluff, 1919
Follies of Pleasure, 1919
Hurly-Burly, 1919
Jazz Babies, 1919
My Honolulu Girl, 1919
Parisian Flirts, 1919
Round the Town, 1919
Puss Puss, 1920
Odds and Ends of a Musical Comedy, 1920
The Tempters, 1920

Folder 3  Binghamton Theater
Keith Vaudeville and Feature Pictures, 1920
Keith Vaudeville and Feature Pictures, 1920
When The Cat's Away / The Brat / Upstairs and Down / Nothing But Lies /
A Pair of Silk Stockings / My Lady's Garter, 1920
The March Hare, 1921
Keith Vaudeville and Feature Pictures, 1925
McFadden's Flats / The Volga Boatman / Michael Strogoff, 1927
“Gay Paree”, 1928

Folder 4  Civic Theater:
Twelfth Night, 1967
The Boys in the Band, 1960s
Applause, 1970s

Folder 5  Comedy Playhouse:
A Thousand Clowns, c.1980-1983
Any Wednesday, c.1980-1983
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Folder 6  Cricket Playhouse:
          Sweet Charity
          The Smell of the Crowd

Folder 7  Forum:
          Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope, 1975

Folder 8  Harmony Playhouse, Inc.:
          Finian’s Rainbow, 1963

Folder 9  Harpursville, NY:
          The Joy Time, Swarthmore Chautauqua Association, 1920s
          “An Oriental Pageant” Swarthmore Chautauqua Festival Program, 1922-23

Folder 10 Harpursville, NY:
          A Poor Married Man, Harpursville Band and Base Ball Team, Demeree’s Hall, Undated

Folder 11  Helen Foley Theater:
          Carousel Artist Series, 1991-1992
          Fiddler on the Roof, 1992
          Carousel Artist Series, 1993

Folder 12  Kalurah Temple (1919):
          The June Festival
          Antonio Scotti

Folder 13  Kalurah Temple (1921):
          Rachmaninoff
          Boston Symphony Orchestra

Folder 14  Kalurah Temple (1922):
          Artists Series: Madame Frances Alda
          Artists' Series: Mischa Elman
          Artists' Series: New York Symphony Orchestra
          Artists Series: The Denishawn Dancers
          Irene Castle
          Kiwanis Quartette with Adelaide Spies
          New York Symphony Orchestra
          Ruth St. Denis
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Folder 15  Kalurah Temple (1923):
Artists' Series: Jascha Heifetz
Artists' Series: Louise Homer and Louise Homer Stires
Artists Series: Nellie and Sara Kouns
Heifetz violinist by right of birth, more that genius
New York Symphony Orchestra

Folder 16  Kalurah Temple (1924):
Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink

Folder 17  Kalurah Temple (1925):
Carmen
Cleveland Symphony Orchestra
Rigoletto
The Second Mrs. Tanqueray
[ticket stubs]

Folder 18  Loomis Opera House (1903):
The Burgla
David Harum
The Fatal Wedding
His Majesty and the Maid
A Homespun Heart
A Man of the World
La Mascotte
Sag Harbor
The Scout's Revenge
The Johnstown Flood
Why Women Sin

Folder 19  Loomis Opera House (1904):
Along the Kennebec
The Court of Nero
Gianninni's Royal Marine Band of Italy
In Honor Bound
New York Day by Day
Only a Working Man
Othello
Parsifal
Prince of Tramps
A Ragged Hero
The Real Widow Brown
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Folder 19  **Loomis Opera House (1904):**
The Sapphire
Simple Simon
A True Kentuckian
Uncle Hez
When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Folder 20  **The Opera Center:**
The New Chamber Ensemble, 1975

Folder 21  **S.R.O. Productions:**
Gypsy, 1993

Folder 22  **Southern Tier Playhouse (1957):**
The Boy Friend
Brigadoon
Glad Tidings
Half in Earnest
The Inseparables
Janus
Merton of the Movies
The Pajama Game
Personal Appearance
Petticoat Fever
The Primrose Path
Rain
South Pacific
Valentina
Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter
Witness for the Prosecution

Folder 23  **Southern Tier Playhouse (1958):**
All About Love
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Damn Yankees
Fallen Angels
The Happiest Millionaire
House on the Rocks
An Inspector Calls
No Time for Sergeants
Uncle Willie
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Folder 23  **Southern Tier Playhouse (1958):**
A Visit to a Small Planet
Waltz of the Toreadors

Folder 24  **Stone Opera House (1906):**
Quo Vadis

Folder 25  **Stone Opera House (1911-1913, 1915):**
The Belle of Richmond / The Love Route / His Majesty and the Maid / St. Elmo
Mother
Keith Vaudeville
Marie Dressler and Jefferson De Angelis
Macushla
Keith Vaudeville and Feature Pictures

Folder 26  **Stone Opera House (1920):**
The Girl From Out Yonder
Jim's Girl
My Lady Friends
Not To-Night, Josephine
The Silent Witness
Very Good Eddy

Folder 27  **Stone Opera House (1921):**
The Barrier
Branded
In Walked Jimmy
It Pays To Advertise
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come
Love Lightning
The Love of Su Shong
Nothing But The Truth
Scrambled Wives
The Sign on the Door
Smilin' Through
Social Follies
Tess of the Storm Country
Tid-Bits of 1920 / Nearly a Honeymoon
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Folder 28  Stone Opera House (1922):
Blossom Time
The Brat
Bringing Up Father on His Vacation
Chu Chin Chow
The Czarina
Jerry
Kick In
Lightnin
Mister Antonio
Nightie Night
Otis Skinner
Over the Hills to the Poorhouse
Parlor, Bedroom and Bath
Playthings
Red Pepper
Sir Harry Lauder
Sis Hopkins
The Trail of the Lonesome Pine
Twin Beds
Under Cover
Welcome Stranger / Here, There, and Everywhere

Folder 29  Stone Opera House (1923):
The Bat
Blossom Time
The Cat and the Canary
The Circle
East Is West
Go-Go
The Guilty One
The Old Soak / The Magic Ring

Stone Opera House (1924):
Helen of Troy, N.Y.
Her Temporary Husband
Lombardi, Ltd.
[ticket stubs]

Folder 1  Strand Theater (1920):
Blind Wives / Tiger Rose
Greater Than Fame
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Folder 1            Strand Theater (1920):
                      Just a Wife
                      Moon Madness
                      On With the Dance
                      Over the Hill
                      The Strange Border
                      The Toll Gate
                      Way Down East

Folder 2            Strand Theater (1921):
                      The Bronze Bell / Too Much Speed
                      City of Silent Men, The / What's Worth While
                      Conrad in Quest of his Youth / The Jucklins
                      Don't Tell Everything
                      The End of the World
                      Forever
                      The Love Special / Too Wise Wives
                      A Prince There Was
                      The Sheik
                      A Three Muskateers

Folder 3            Strand Theater (1922):
                      Beyond the Rocks / Molly 'O

Strand Theater (1926):
                      Tin Gods / Into Her Kingdom / Oh! What a Nurse

Folder 4            Summer Savoyards:
                      The Pirates of Penzance, 1968
                      The Yeomen of the Guard, 1969
                      Ruddigore, 1974
                      Gondoliers, 1976
                      Iolanthe, 1992
                      Utopia Ltd., 1993
                      Ruddigore, 2004
                      The Pirates of Penzance, 2005

Folder 5            Triple Cities Playhouse (1952):
                      Berkeley Square
                      Gramercy Ghost
                      The Happy Time
                      Her Cardboard Lover
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Folder 6  
**Triple Cities Playhouse (1952):**
- Kiss Me, Kate
- Nina
- One Touch of Venus
- Petrified Forest
- Season with Ginger
- A Streetcar Named Desire
- A Tree Grows In Brooklyn

Folder 7  
**Triple Cities Playhouse (1953):**
- Annie Get Your Gun
- Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
- The Hasty Heart
- The Moon Is Blue

Folder 8  
**Triple Cities Playhouse (1954):**
- Gently Does It
- Jenny Kissed Me
- Late Love
- My Three Angels
- Sabrina Fair
- Song of Norway
- The White Sheep of the Family

Folder 9  
**Triple Cities Playhouse (1955):**
- The Caine Mutiny Court Martial
- King of Hearts
- Member of the Wedding
- Oh, Men! Oh, Women!
- Picnic
- The Rainmaker
- Wedding Breakfast
- The Winslow Boy
- Wonderful Town

Folder 10  
**Triple Cities Playhouse (1956):**
- Anastasia
- Anniversary Waltz
- Bus Stop
- The Fifth Season
- Here Comes Mr. Jordan
- Knickerbocker Holiday
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Folder 10  **Triple Cities Playhouse (1956):**
Plain and Fancy
Seven Year Itch
Solid Gold Cadillac
What's the Rush?

Folder 11  **Triple Cities Playhouse:**
Petrified Forest Photograph, 1952
The Hasty Heart Photograph, 1953

Folder 12  **Tyler Theatre:**
$1,000,000 Reward, 1921

Folder 13  **Valley Playhouse (1959):**
The Curtain Rises
Fair Game
Li'l Abner

Afton, NY Area

Folder 14  **Afton High School:**
“Professor Pepp”, 1922

Corning, NY Area

Folder 15  **Corning Summer Theatre**
A Delicate Balance, 1967

Cortland, NY Area

Folder 16  **Cortland Opera House (1900-1901):**
The Christian, 1900
Arizona, 1901
Black Sheep, A, 1901
A Cavalier of France, 1901
In Atlantic City, 1901
A Poor Relation, 1901
The Power Behind the Throne, 1901
When We Were Twenty-One 1901
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Cortland, NY Area

Folder 17  
**Cortland Opera House (1902-1904):**
Are You a Mason, 1902?
King Dodo, 1902
Liberty Belles, 1902
York State Folks, 1902
Foxy Grandpa, 1903
Robert Emmet, 1903
Me, Him & I, 1904
Under Southern Skies, 1904

Folder 18  
**New Cortland Theatre:**
The World and His Wife, 1909

Elmira, NY Area

Folder 19  
**The Domes (Elmira College)**
Mark Twain Musical Drama, 1990

Folder 20  
**Rorick’s Glen Park Theatre:**
The Red Mill, 1912

Greene, NY Area

Folder 21  
Redpath Chautauqua System, 1917

New York City Area

Folder 1  
**Belasco Theater:**
Sweet Kitty Bellairs, 1903/04
The Girl of the Golden West, 1906

Folder 2  
**Casino Theatre:**
A Chinese Honeymoon, Undated
The Social Whirl, 1906

Folder 3  
**Daly’s Theatre:**
Glittering Gloria, 1904
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New York City Area

Folder 4        Empire Theatre:
                 The Pretty Sister of Jose, 1903
                 The Other Girl, 1904
                 What Every Woman Knows, 1909

Folder 5        Garrick Opera House:
                 Her Own Way, 1903

Folder 6        Grand Opera House:
                 Red Feather, 1904

Folder 7        Herald Square Theatre:
                 The Girl from Kay's, 1904

Folder 8        Lyceum Theatre:
                 The Lion and The Mouse, 1906

Folder 9        Lyric Theatre:
                 Fantana, 1905

Folder 10       Majestic Theatre:
                 Babes In Toyland 1903
                 The Man From China, 1904
                 The Wizard of Oz, 1904

Folder 11       New Amsterdam Theatre:
                 A Midsummer Night's Dream, 1903
                 Mother Goose, 1903

Folder 12       New York Theatre:
                 Ben-Hur, 1908

Folder 13       Princess Theatre:
                 The Earl of Pawtucket, 1903

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Syracuse, NY Area

Folder 14       Bastable Theatre:
                 Sapho, Undated
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Folder 15  **B.F. Keith’s Theatre:**
- B.F. Keith’s Orchestra/Pathe Weekly/Topics of the Day/Burt Shepherd & Co./Olga Kane/Marga Waldron/Bob Hall/Allen Rogers & Leonora Allen/Benson & Massimo/Moss & Frye/Campbell’s Society Orchestra/The Keith Free Ballet Class/Aesop’s Fables, 1924
- [ticket stubs]

Folder 16  **Royal Lyceum Bureau:**
- Indolence, Undated

Folder 17  **Weiting Opera House:**
- The Blue Mouse, 1909
- The Girl from Rector's, 1909?
- Little Nemo, 1909?
- The Man of the Hour, 1908?
- The Man Who Stood Still, 1909?
- The Newlyweds and Their Baby, 1909?
- The Stronger Sex, 1909
- The Third Degree, 1909?
- Via Wireless, 1909

Utica, NY Area

Folder 18  **Majestic Theatre:**
- Hello Bill, 1901

Other States

Folder 19  **Keith’s Theater, (Providence, Rhode Island):**
- The Charity Ball, 1904

Folder 20  **Lyceum Theater (Toledo, Ohio):**
- Buster Brown, 1905
- The Funny Mr. Dooley, 1906
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**Productions of Unknown Theaters or Regions**

Folder 21  
Thurston the Famous Magician, 1923  
Yes, We Have No Bananas, 1923  
Clarence, 1924

  Al G. Field's Minstrels, Undated  
  An Old Fashion Mother, Undated  
  Honeymoon Flats, Undated

Folder 22  
**Smalley’s Theatre:**  
Scandal, Undated