

League of Fringe Theaters records, 1989-2002

Overview of the Collection

Creator	League of Fringe Theaters (Seattle, Wash.)
Title	League of Fringe Theaters records
Dates	1989-2002 (inclusive) 1989 2002
Quantity	.21 cubic feet (1 box)
Collection Number	5359 (Accession No. 5359-001)
Summary	Records of the League of Fringe Theaters, an organization of small, independent theater companies in Seattle, Washington, dedicated to promoting original productions.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The records are open to all users.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The League of Fringe Theaters was established in Seattle in 1989. The league brought together small, independently operated, financially limited theater companies into a community dedicated to promoting original productions and advocating for artists. Over the years the league established the Seattle Fringe Theater Festival (the first fringe theater festival in the U.S.), the League of Fringe Theaters General Auditions, and the League of Fringe Theaters Hotline (a phone line listing productions and auditions at fringe theaters). In 1996 the league received a grant from the city to develop a Warehouse for the Arts, a project to pool and store available materials for rent to local performers.

League membership included upwards of 25 theater companies, most of which remained linked to the league as it allied itself with other organizations. After the success of the First Annual Seattle Fringe Festival in 1991, the league formed a sister organization for the specific purpose of organizing and running the festival. In 1996 the league joined forces with the Arts Resource Center and finally merged with Theater Puget Sound, a primarily equity theater group. The League of Fringe Theaters Hotline maintained the league's moniker until it was discontinued in 1999.

Content Description

The League of Fringe Theaters records consist mostly of newsletters and updates to members. The mailings include descriptions of the league's structure, activities, and projects. Also included are minutes, a budget, and ephemera.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The records are arranged by type of document.

Acquisition Information

Transferred to Special Collections from the University of Washington Drama Library, 2003.

Processing Note

Processed by Britt Olson in 2005.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Organizational information	1990
1/2	Outgoing letters	1989-1996
1/3	Minutes	1990-1994
1/4-5	Newsletters: <i>News from the Fringe</i>	1990-1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Budget	1990
1/7-8	Ephemera	1991-2002, undated
1/9	Clipping	1990
1/10	Miscellany	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Theater--Washington (State)--Puget Sound Region

Theater--Washington (State)--Puget Sound Region--Societies, etc

Corporate Names :

League of Fringe Theaters (Seattle, Wash.)--Archives

Form or Genre Terms :

correspondence

ephemera

financial records

minutes

Newsletters

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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