DESCRIPTION

The Arizona Opera League of Tucson Collection contains organizational records including meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, and short biographical sketches of past presidents of the organization. League scrapbooks highlight the yearly activities, events, and individuals associated with the organization from 1973 to 2011. Notebooks with newspaper clippings feature reported activities from 1988 to 1992 with additional clippings throughout the scrapbooks. Folders covering the yearly Opera League Home Tour are present from 1976 to 2012 and the League sponsored Fashion for the Arts (later changed to Opera) Program from 1978 to 2004. One scrapbook has opera player listings for the New York Opera Company with performances from 1929 to 1938.

61 Boxes, 36 Linear Feet
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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Arizona Opera Company began in Tucson in 1971 with two performances at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall. In 1973, the Opera Dames was organized by six Tucson women (with the title changed in 1988 to Arizona Opera League of Tucson). The purpose of the organization has been to raise support for the Arizona Opera, stimulate an awareness of opera through cultural and educational endeavors, and “have a good time doing it.” Throughout the years the League has sponsored numerous support activities including a yearly Arizona Opera League Home Tour program, dinner dances, silent auctions, Opera League Fashion Shows, and other fund-raising activities.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Jean Cooper, President Arizona Opera League in 2012

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2012.

ARRANGEMENT

**Box and Folder Listing**

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**Series 1: Organizational Records, Programs, and History, 1972 – 2012**

Folder:1 Arizona Opera League of Tucson History & By Laws (with photos) 2003/2006
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- f.82-84 League Correspondence & Publicity  
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  League Correspondence & Publicity (With Photos)  
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- f.86-87 Frances C. Bishop’s Presidential Notebook  
  1992 – 1994
- f.88-99 Opera League Tucson Homes Tour Programs  
  1976 – 1987

### Box 8

- f.100-123 Opera League Tucson Homes Tour Programs  
  1989 – 2012

### Box 9

- f.125-141 Fashion For the Arts Programs  
  1978 – 1982
- f.130  
  Fashion For the Arts Program (With Photos)  
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- f.131-135 Fashion For the Arts Programs  
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- f.136  
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