

Finding Aid for the Vincent Piacentini Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Vincent Piacentini.

Title: Vincent Piacentini Papers.

Dates: 1944 – 1980.

Quantity: 18 linear feet and 10 tubes.

Language: English.

Biographical Note

Vincent Piacentini (1922-86), a graduate of the Washington University School of Fine Arts (1945), was a highly sought-after set designer, technical director, and consultant for numerous theatrical projects throughout the world.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection is divided into ten series as follows:

Series 01: Personal Development, Correspondence, Photographs, Programs, and Drawings Concerning St. Louis-area Theatre Projects

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Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to the University Archives in December 2003.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

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Series 01: Personal Development, Correspondence, Photographs, Programs, and Drawings Concerning St. Louis-area Theatre Projects

Box No.	Folder
01	Piacentini (Biographical Details)
	Piacentini (Personal Photos)
	Piacentini (Photos of Architectural Projects)
	Piacentini (Written Works)
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Bolt, Beranek, & Newman])
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Edison Bros. Stores])
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Letters of Praise])
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Letters to St. Louis Newspapers])
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Planer, P.])
	Piacentini (Corresp. [Players Magazine])

Piacentini (Corresp. [Piacentini/Auerbach Associates])

Piacentini (Corresp. [Prologue Magazine])

St. Louis Theatre (Unidentified Photos) [4 folders]

St. Louis Theatre (Non-Piacentini Projects)

St. Louis Theatre (Actors Company)

St. Louis Theatre (Cardinal Glennon Community Theatre, 1947)

St. Louis Theatre (City Art Museum, 1947-55)

St. Louis Theatre (CO-OP, 1946)

St. Louis Theatre (Festival of One Act Plays, 1948)

St. Louis Theatre (Grand Theatre Opera Guild)

St. Louis Theatre (Little Theatre, 1940's)

St. Louis Theatre (Mayville College)

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Corresp. & Administrative Papers]) {2 folders}

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Drawings])

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Equipment])

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Newspaper Clippings])

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Photos]) {2 folders}

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Plays])

St. Louis Theatre (Resident [Programs])

St. Louis Theatre (Rooftop [Corresp. & Drawings])

St. Louis Theatre (Rooftop [Newspaper Clippings])

St. Louis Theatre (Rooftop [Photos])

- St. Louis Theatre (Rooftop [Programs])
- St. Louis Theatre (Rooftop [Scrapbook])
- St. Louis Theatre ("Saga of the Meramec")
- St. Louis Theatre (St. Louis Community Playhouse [Administrative Papers])
- St. Louis Theatre (St. Louis Community Playhouse [Drawings])
- St. Louis Theatre (St. Louis Community Playhouse [Newspaper Clippings])
- St. Louis Theatre (St. Louis Community Playhouse [Photos])
- St. Louis Theatre (St. Louis Community Playhouse [Programs])
- St. Louis Theatre (Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1946)
- St. Louis Theatre (Westwood Country Club, 1946)

**Series 02: Correspondence, Photographs, Programs, and Drawings
Concerning Theatre Projects Outside of the St. Louis-area**

Box No.	Folder
	Two oversized items in this series have been removed and placed in the folder "Luxor, Egypt (Nile River Festival [Specifications] Oversized" located with the Series 09 Tubes. The items include: Item 1: Tarh El Bahr Island, Luxor (28x20") Item 2: Drawing #19, View of West Bank (44x18.5")
02	US Theatres (non-Piacentini-projects)
	Arena Stage (Wash., DC [1963-64, Corresp.]
	Arena Stage (Wash., DC [1963-64, Drawings.]
	Arena Stage (Wash., DC [1963-64, Newspaper Clippings])
	Arena Stage (Wash., DC [1963-64, Programs])
	Astor Place Playhouse (NY, NY [1964, Newspaper Clippings & Programs])
	Cain Park Theatre (Cleveland, OH [1964, Programs])

Corfu (Greece [1973, Program])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [Misc., Drawings])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [Misc., Newspaper Clippings])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [Misc., Photos]) {2 folders}

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1961, Theatre Study Proposal])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1955-56, Corresp.])

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Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1955-56, Photos])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1955-56, Programs])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1956-57, Newspaper Clippings])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1956-57, Programs])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1957, New Switchboard])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1957-58, Newspaper Clippings])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1957-58, Photos])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1957-58, Programs])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1958-59, Misc.])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1958-59, Newspaper Clippings])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1958-59, Photos])

Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1959-60, Drawings])

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Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1961-62, Newspaper Clippings])
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre (Indiana [1961-62, Programs])
Louisville Brown Theatre (Kentucky [1963, Corresp.])
Louisville Brown Theatre (Kentucky [1963, Newspaper Clippings])
Louisville Brown Theatre (Kentucky [1963, Programs])
Luxor, Egypt (Nile River Festival, Specifications)
Morris Theatre (NJ [1965-66, Contract])
Morris Theatre (NJ [1965-66, Drawings])
Morris Theatre (NJ [1965-66, Newspaper Clippings])
Morris Theatre (NJ [1965-66, Programs])
Penn College for Women (1955, Drawings, Plans, Photos)
Penn State (1966, Corresp.)
Penn State (1966, Programs)
Portable Arena Theatre (K. Yeaton, Corresp.)
Portable Arena Theatre (K. Yeaton, Drawings)
Sangamon State University (Springfield, IL [Specs.])
Theatre Atlanta (Georgia [Drawings])
Theatre Atlanta (Georgia [Newsclippings])

Theatre Atlanta (Georgia [Photos])
02A Theatre Atlanta (Georgia [Photos]) {2 folders}
Theatre Atlanta (Georgia [Programs])

Series 03: Audio Recordings

Box No.	Reel
03	"Hello Out There" (Washington University or Penn State, 1955)
	"Rashomon" (1960) [3 reels]
	"Marriage Go Around" (1961)
	"Becket" (1961)
	"The Golden Fleecing" (1961)
	"The Visit" (1962)
	"Once Upon a Mattress" (1962)
	"Beast in the Blue Glass Tower" (n.d.)
	Misc. x 6

Series 04: Negatives of Projects

Box No.	Item
04	Fort Wayne, Various Sets
05	Fort Wayne, Various Sets
06	Lecture Slides (x 3)
	Theatre Atlanta
	"Practiflex"
	Buffalo
	Tulsa

Cedar Valley

Louisville and D.C.

San Francisco

Hershey

Kilbourne (x 2)

Layfayette

Dallas

Morris Theatre

07 Tarleton State University

Louisville, Morris Theatre, and Theatre Atlanta

“Seven Year Itch” and “Visit”

Sagamon State University

Sagamon State University and Christian Brothers College

St. Louis Sets (Early)

Hamilton

OSPAC (x 2)

“King,” “Trap,” “Cadillac,” “Inherit the Wind”

Johnston State University and Quebec

SAC

BBN

Quebec

Lima

Regina Theatre

- 08 Fair Park
- Project Slides (x 2)
- Project Plans and Drawings (x 2)
- Lighting
- Cedar Valley, Fair Park, SAC, Corfu
- “Janus”, “Simon”, “T. House”, “Apartment”
- “Tunnel”, “7 League”, “Say [DLO]”
- Fair Park
- HTA
- HTD Construction
- CBA, SSU
- Christian Brothers College
- Milbourne
- Theatre Atlanta
- 09 Mixed Projects (x 5)
- Presentation Slides (x 2)
- Sets (x 4)
- Unidentified (x 5)
- 10 Glass Lantern Slides on Theatre History Used in Lectures

Series 05: Small-sized Theatre Plans (Rolled [Housed in Boxes])

Box No.	Item
11	Unidentified Projects
12	Sangamon State University

- 13 Nile Festival Village (Luxor, Egypt)
- 14 St. Anne University
Uniformed Services University
Hydra Houses
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
McGill University
Central State University
Ft. Wayne Civic Theatre
- 15 Carver Riverdale High School
Queensburo Community Theatre
Reidsville Senior High School
Miami Dade
Theatre of the Flame & Theatre 4
Large High School Auditorium
St. Michael's College
Northwest University Steiger Hall
MHCC
- 16 San Francisco
SIU Carbondale, IL
Christian Brothers College
Lafayette College
Pattonville High School
Tulsa Performing Arts Centre

- Northwest University Steiger Hall
- Evangel Temple, TX
- [HUB Project]
- Phillip Morris Hall
- Jesse Jones Hall
- 17 Kent Place School
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- 18 Lima, Ohio
- Gettysburg College
- Morehouse College
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Series 06: Renderings of Stage Sets Concerning Theatre Projects Outside of the St. Louis-area

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19	Cain Park Theatre ("Camelot," 1964)
	Pennsylvania College for Women ("Figaro," 1955)
	Pennsylvania College for Women ("Hello Out There," 1956)
	Pennsylvania College for Women ("Rigoletto," 1955)
	Penn. State (Arena Portable Theatre [K. Yeaton Project]) {2 folders}

Prologue Magazine

Unidentified Theatre (“Ghost Sonata”)

Unidentified Theatre (“Unicorn”)

20 Fort Wayne Theatre (“Caesar & Cleopatra,” 1956)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Corn is Green,” 1957)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Desperate Hour,” 1957)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Dial M for Murder,” 1957)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Diamonds for Dixie,” 1960)

Fort Wayne Theatre (General Plans)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Gianni Schicci,” 1956)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Grand,” n.d.)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Hamlet,” 1960)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“King of Hearts,” 1956)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Macbeth,” n.d.)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Marco Polo,” 1959)

Fort Wayne Theatre (Mechanical Equipment)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Merchant at Venice,” 1955)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Old McDonald,” 1957)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Rainmaker,” n.d.)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker,” 1956)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Sabina Fair,” n.d.)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“You Can’t Take it with You,” 1955)

Fort Wayne Theatre (“Tendertrap,” n.d.)

Fort Wayne Theatre ("Time for Ginger," 1955)

Series 07: Renderings of State Sets Concerning St. Louis-area Projects

Box No.	Folder
21	Unidentified Projects
	St. Louis Grand Opera Guild ("Gianni Schicci," 1950)
	Maryville College ("Joyous Season," 1953)
	Maryville College ("Medea," 1954)
	Maryville College ("School for Scandal," 1952)
	Maryville College ("Stagedoor," 1954)
	Pageant at the Arboretum ("Spigot on the Hill," 1953)
	Resident Theatre (Broadsides and Playbills)
	Resident Theatre ("La Parisienne," 1953)
	Resident Theatre ("Martha," 1950)
	Resident Theatre ("Merchant at Yonkers," 1951)
	Resident Theatre ("Mistress of the Inn," 1947)
	Resident Theatre ("Night Must Fall," 1951)
	Rooftop Theatre ("Chicken Every Sunday," 1945-46)
	Rooftop Theatre ("Come Rain or Shine," 1947)
	Rooftop Theatre ("He Who Gets Slapped," 1945-46)
	Rooftop Theatre ("If I Were King," 1946)
	Rooftop Theatre ("Midsummer Night's Dream," 1946)
	Rooftop Theatre (Misc.)
	Rooftop Theatre ("Thunder Rock," 1946)

22 Rooftop Theatre ("Warrior's Husband", 1945)

St. Louis Community Playhouse = STLCP

STLCP ("Amphitryon 38," 1944)

STLCP ("Angel Street," 1955)

STLCP ("Bell, Book, and Candle," 1954)

STLCP ("Born Yesterday," 1952)

STLCP ("Detective Story," 1953)

STLCP ("Gaslight," 1954)

STLCP ("Harvey," 1953)

STLCP ("Hasty Heart," 1954)

STLCP ("In Any Language," 1954)

STLCP ("Light Up the Sky," 1952)

STLCP ("Little Foxes," 1952)

STLCP ("Lobby Drugs," n.d.)

STLCP ("The Number," 1954)

STLCP ("Ring Around the Moon," 1955)

STLCP ("Royal Family," 1952)

STLCP ("Time of the Cuckoo," 1954)

St. Louis Theatre Co-Operative ("Leaven," 1946)

Washington University Opera Theatre ("Hello Out There," 1955)

Washington University Opera Theatre ("Magic Flute," 1955)

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St. Louis Projects (Edison Brothers Stores) [2 folders]

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04	Morris Theatre, NY
05	Eastman School of Music
06	Fair Park Hall, OH Eastman
07	Gettysburg College
08	Gettysburg College
09	Sangamon State University
10	Great High School Project, Chicago San Francisco Onondaga County Civic Center, NY
11	Lima, OH

- 12 Lima, OH
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- 14 Lafayette College
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- 16 Lafayette College
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Series 10: Oversized Theatre Plans (Rolled [Housed in Tubes])

Tube No.	Item
01	Penn. State
02	Theatre Atlanta
03	Stanley Theatre
	VAC (Venezuela)
	Edmonton, Canada
	Central State University
	SIU Carbondale, IL
04	Tarleton State University
05	St. Paul Civic Theatre
	Pattonville
	Saskatoon
	Eastman
06	Misc. Unidentified
07	Theatre Atlanta
08	CBA (Centro de Bellas Artes, Puerto Rico)

- 09 CBA (Centro de Bellas Artes, Puerto Rico)
- 10 CBA (Centro de Bellas Artes, Puerto Rico)