

Tennessee Players, Inc. Records, 1986-2008

Collection Summary

Creator: Tennessee Players, Inc.

Title: Tennessee Players, Inc. Records

Inclusive Dates: 1986-2008

Summary/Abstract: Playbills, clippings, bookmarks, programs, postcards, posters, CDs, publications, and other material related to Tennessee Players, Inc. productions from 1986-2008.

Physical Description/Extent: .75 cu. ft.

Series: Five series:

I. Clippings

II. Compact Discs

III. Ephemera

IV. General Info.

V. Publications

Accession Number: 2006.017; 2007.018; 2008.008; 2008.016; 2008.059

Language: English; German; French

Stack Location: Closed stacks SCC workroom range 4 section 3

Repository: Special Collections Division, Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Chronology*

Date	Event
1937	Georgianna Moore decided she wanted to become an actress after seeing Helen Hayes in <i>Victorian Regina</i> .
1958	Thurston Moore saw the documentary <i>Albert Schweitzer</i> and became deeply influenced by Dr. Schweitzer's life and philosophy.
1983	Georgianna and Thurston moved to Nashville after living in Kentucky, Colorado, Connecticut, and New York City.
1986	Tennessee Players, Inc. co-founded by Thurston and Georgianna Moore (1927-2002).
1988	<i>An Evening of Entertainment</i> , produced by Thurston Moore, aired on Nashville's PBS station as part of their membership drive and featured 29 performers in 24 theatrical skits.
1990s	<i>The Theatre Scene</i> , a weekly radio show, was presented over WAMB with Georgianna as the host. The show ran for over three years and she interviewed members of the local as well as national theatre, dance, and music communities. The Tennessee Players organized theatre bus tours to nearby states.
1991	Actor Tom Dolan introduces his "Mark Twain" portrayal.

1992	The first annual Middle Tennessee Theatre Festival occurred in October. Thurston Moore served as Executive Director of the Festival and two major Tennessee Players productions, <i>An Evening of Theatre</i> and <i>A Theatre Anthology</i> .
1993	Original production <i>Lincoln and the Civil War</i> presented at TPAC with Georgianna portraying Mary Todd Lincoln.
1995	<i>Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach</i> , a multimedia musical dramatization conceived, written, and produced by Thurston Moore and directed by Georgianna, premiered at Scarritt-Bennett Center.
1996	<i>Lincoln and the Fisk Jubilee Singers</i> , conceived and produced by Thurston and directed by Georgianna, presented at Fisk Memorial Chapel on the 125 th anniversary of the Jubilee Singers.
2000	Thurston Moore conceived and produced <i>Symposium 2000 – World Peace Through Reverence for Life</i> , a 16-day international peace event celebrating Schweitzer’s 125 th birthday and the 250 th anniversary of Bach’s death, sponsored by Vanderbilt University. A CD was produced of the Hiroshima Boys Choir at MTSU, and the title song, <i>Childhood Dreams</i> , was written by Thurston Moore. In January, the Tennessee Players produced <i>The Albert Schweitzer Tribute Concert</i> .
2001	Tennessee Players became international representative for noted Japanese artists Masaaki and Chikako Tanaka.
2005	Gail Archer, concert organist, recorded the <i>Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach</i> at Scarritt-Bennett Center.

*Taken from *Tennessee Players, Inc.: “Cultural Ambassador to the World”* and the Tennessee Players website at <http://www.tennesseeplayers.org/tnplayers.html> (accessed 12/22/2008).

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The Tennessee Players, Inc., a non-profit arts organization, was co-founded by Kentucky natives and husband and wife team Thurston and Georgianna Moore (1927-2002) in 1986. Georgianna served as principal director for all of the Players’ productions, many of which were conceived, written, and produced by Thurston. The company has presented productions throughout Middle Tennessee and neighboring states, and their production of *Words of Albert Schweitzer and Music of Bach* has been presented more than 100 times throughout the United States and abroad. The Tennessee Players’ motto is: “To create something beautiful for somebody else.”

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists of approximately .75 cubic feet of clippings, compact discs, ephemera, general information, and publications relating to the Tennessee Players, Inc. dating from 1986 to 2008. The majority of the collection consists of ephemera from various Tennessee Players productions, including programs, bookmarks, postcards, and posters. The most heavily represented production is *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the*

Music of Bach. Seven issues of the publication *Spotlight on the Arts* are also included in the collection.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Organization: The collection is organized into five series by format: I. Clippings; II. Compact Discs; III. Ephemera; IV. General Information; and V. Publications.

Arrangement: Within the clippings, general information, and publications series, items arranged by date. Within the compact discs series, items are arranged alphabetically by title. Within the ephemera series, items are arranged alphabetically by production or event title, then by date.

Restrictions

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Index Terms

Personal Names:

Moore, Georgianna, 1927-2002

Moore, Thurston

Schweitzer, Albert, 1875-1965--Quotations

Bach, Johann Sebastian, 1685-1750--Songs and Music

Corporate Names/Organizations:

Tennessee Players, Inc.--Records and correspondence

Tennessee Players, Inc.--Performances

Tennessee Players, Inc.--History

Subjects:

Theatrical companies--Tennessee--Nashville

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Actors--Tennessee--Nashville

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Entertainment events--Tennessee--Nashville

Drama

Theater--Tennessee--Nashville

Places:

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Nashville (Tenn.)--Social life and customs

Genre/Document Types:

Ephemera
Clippings (information artifacts)
Magazines (periodicals)

Occupations:

Entertainers--Tennessee--Nashville
Actors--Tennessee--Nashville
Actresses--Tennessee--Nashville

Administrative Information

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Division, Nashville Public Library.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: This collection was donated by Thurston
Moore in several installments from 2006 to 2008.

Ownership and Custodial History: In the possession of Thurston Moore at the
time of donation.

Processing Information: Processed by Aimee James during December 2008 and
June 2009.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. Clippings, 1988-1999 and n.d., 4 items

Series Abstract/Description: Consists of scanned and printed newspaper
clippings about the Tennessee Players and some of their productions.

Arrangement: Chronological

Box	Folder	Description	Date	No. of Items
1	1	Clippings	1988-1999 and no date	4 items

Series II. Compact Discs, 1991-2007, 13 items

Series Abstract/Description: Consists of CDs of Tennessee Players
productions.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by title.

Box	Title	No. of Items
3	<i>Childhood Dreams World Peace Concert; Dear World (with book); Highlights of the Theatre</i>	13 items

	<i>Scene, vol. 1-6; The Juggler of Our Lady; The Message of the Sunflowers; North Dakota Public Radio Interview with Thurston Moore; Scrooge; Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach</i>	
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Series III. Ephemera, 1986-2005 and n.d., 78 items

Series Abstract/Description: Consists of programs, flyers, postcards, and posters relating to Tennessee Players productions.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by title, then chronological.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	No. of Items
1	2	"The Albert Schweitzer Tribute Concert"	14 Jan. 2000	1 item
1	3	"Christmas Past at Two Rivers Mansion"	4-6 Dec. 1987	1 item
1	4	Clara Barton Society Annual Luncheon	18 Sept. 1991	2 items
1	4a	"Curse You, Jack Dalton!"	n.d.	1 item
1	5	Custom offerings	1991 and no date	3 items
1	6	"Death Takes a Holiday"	Oct.-Nov. 1986	2 items
1	7	"An Evening of Entertainment"	28 Aug. 1988	2 items
1	8	"Great Moments from Broadway Theatre"	8-9 Feb. 1991	1 item
1	9	"Harvey"	30 Apr.-24 May 1992	2 items
2	1	Japanese Festivals Calendar	2006	1 item
1	10	"The Juggler of Our Lady" and "The Message of the Sunflowers"	No date	2 items
1	11	"Lincoln and the Civil War"	5 June 1993	2 items
1	12	"Lincoln and the Fisk Jubilee Singers"	7 Apr. 1996	2 items
1	13	"Live Theatre at Business Expo	11-12 May 1988	1 item

		88"		
1	13a	"The Lower Room"	30 Mar. and 10 Apr. 1994	1 item
1	14	"The Magic of an Old Fashioned Christmas"	Dec. 1986	1 item
1	15	"The Message of the Sunflowers"	1999	2 items
1	16	Middle Tennessee Theatre Festival	2-11 Oct. 1992	2 items
2	2	Middle Tennessee Theatre Festival	2-11 Oct. 1992	1 item
1	17	Miscellaneous	No date	6 items
2	3	"The Music of Bach"	No date	1 item
1	18	"Nashville Here I Am"	Apr.-Oct. ny	1 item
1	19	"Our Town"	3-5 July 1986	1 item
1	20	"The Spirit of Albert Schweitzer"	6 Nov. 1999	1 item
1	21	"Symposium 2000: World Peace Through Reverence for Life"	13-15 Oct. 2000	3 items
1	22	"Willie's Comin' Home"	2 June ny	1 item
1	23	"Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach"	15 and 22 Oct. 1995	2 items
2	4	"Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach"	1 Mar. 1998	1 item
1	23a	"Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach"	21 Mar. 2000	1 item
1	24	"Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach" (German)	20 Oct. 2000	1 item
2	4	"Words of Albert Schweitzer and	20 Oct. 2000	1 item

		the Music of Bach” (German)		
2	4	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach” (French)	9 Dec. 2000	1 item
1	25	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	16 Jan.-28 Feb. 2004	2 items
1	26	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	13 Mar. 2005	2 items
1	27	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	14 Apr. 2005	1 item
1	28	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	19 Apr. 2005	2 items
2	4	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	19 Apr. 2005	1 item
1	29	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	24 June 2005	4 items
1	30	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	22 July 2005	2 items
2	4	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	22 July 2005	1 item
1	31	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	14-15 Oct. 2005	1 item
2	4	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	14-15 Oct. 2005	1 item

1	32	“Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach”	No date	8 items
1	33	“You Can’t Take It With You”	28-30 June 1991	2 items

Series IV. General Information, 2008 and n.d., 15 items

Series Abstract/Description: Consists of notes from Thurston Moore about the collection as well as historical information about the Tennessee Players.

Arrangement: Chronological.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	No. of Items
1	34		2008 and no date	15 items

Series V. Publications, May 1987-1988, 7 items

Series Abstract/Description: Consists of 7 issues of the publication *Spotlight on the Arts*.

Arrangement: Chronological.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	No. of Items
2	5	<i>Spotlight on the Arts</i>	May 1987-1988	7 items