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SUMMARY

Size: 64 items.

Geographic Location: New Orleans, La.

Inclusive Dates: Ca. 1880-1920

Languages: English.

Summary: 64 mounted and unmounted publicity photographs of actors and musicians who appeared at New Orleans theaters during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

From the opening of the St. Peter Street Theater in 1792, music, theater, and, particularly, opera have thrived in New Orleans, especially through the nineteenth-century. During the early part of that era, when the population of New Orleans was under 40,000, the spectacle-loving people of that city enjoyed the productions of three opera companies. Its French Opera Company toured New York, Boston, and other Eastern cities before they had resident companies of their own. As a result, the world’s most famous actors and musicians readily appeared at the city’s many theaters, up to the time of the epoch-ending fire which destroyed the French Opera House in 1919.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of sixty-four mounted and unmounted black and white photographs of actors and musicians who appeared at New Orleans theaters during the period of 1880-1920. Photos range in size from 3 1/2” x 5” to 9 1/2” x 14.” Handwritten notes on the back of many of the photos identify the individuals, the theater where they appeared, and the name of the play or event. Among the New Orleans houses so identified are the Tulane, Athenaeum, Orpheum, Dauphine, and Crescent Theaters, as well as the French Opera House.
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