

Bassett, Abe, Wright State University Theatre Collection (UA-6) Guide

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Summary Information

Repository:	Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives
Title:	Abe Bassett Wright State University Theatre (UA-6) Collection
ID:	UA-6
Date [inclusive]:	1970-1988
Physical Description:	3 linear feet (Eight boxes containing slides and a Hollinger box with documents and publications)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains slides, videos and published materials on Abe Bassett and the Wright State University Theatre. The slides are of productions Bassett produced during his tenure in the Theatre department. The published materials covers Bassett's time at the Theatrer Department and the other is an autobiography.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Abe Bassett was founding director of Wright State University's Theatre Program, leading the program from 1970-1988. He played a leading role in the design of the Creative Arts Center which opened in 1973. While at Wright State, Abe is credited with developing one of the finest university theatre programs in the Midwest, and one of the largest in the state of Ohio. Abe was also a founding member of the Ohio Theatre Alliance.

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Scope and Contents

Series I contains the slides taken by Abe Bassett during the productions he produced. These run from November 1970 to 1987.

Series II contains general information on the theatre program and Abe Bassett. This includes a listing of all of the productions from 1970-1988 along with director notes on some of the shows.

Series III contains videos from 1971-1985. One of the videos is a retrospective on the Wright State University Theatre.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series:

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The materials were donated to the University Archives by Abe Bassett.

Accruals

Further additions are expected.

Existence and Location of Copies

A selection of production images from the Abe Bassett WSU Theatre Collection are available online in Wright State University's Campus Online Repository, CORE Scholar: http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/archives_theatre_images/.

Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

MS-95 Ohio Theatre Alliance Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- Dayton (Ohio) -- History
- Theater -- Ohio -- History
- Theater -- Production and direction
- Theater -- Political aspects
- Slides (photographs)
- Books
- VHS
- DVDs
- Wright State University

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

A light-box will be necessary to view the slides.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Slides, 1970-1987; Undated

[Abe Bassett Theatre Production Image Gallery \(UA-6\) in CORE Scholar](#)

Language of the Material: English.

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The Glass Menagerie, 1970 Nov. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 1
White America, 1971 Feb. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 2
Servant of Two, 1971 Mar. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 3
Exit the King, 1971 May	Box 1	Folder 4

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The World of Carl Sandburg, 1971 June <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 5
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The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail, 1971 Dec. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 7
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, 1972 Feb. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 8
Ah, Wilderness, 1972 Feb. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 9
Tartuffe, 1972 March <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 10
Picnic, 1972 June <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 11
The Fantastics, 1972 Oct. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 12
Rashmon, 1972 Dec. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 13
The Rimers of Eldritch, 1973 Feb. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 14
Arms and the Man, 1973 Feb. <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 15
The effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds, 1973 May <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 16
The Taming of the Shrew, 1973 June <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 1
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The Subject was Roses, 1974 April <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 6
Oh! What a Lovely War, 1974 May <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 2	Folder 7
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Company, 1974-1975 Winter <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 3
Summertree, 1974-1975 Winter <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 3	Folder 4
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Dance Ensemble, 1977-1978 Winter <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 6	Folder 2
Rodgers and Hart-A Musical Celebration, 1978 Summer <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 6	Folder 3
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