

# Archives of Newark Abbey

## 755.1 St. Benedict's Preparatory School. Theater Program.

### SAINT BENEDICT'S PREP. THEATER PROGRAM.

Finding aid for

St. Benedict's Prep. Theater Program.

Date range: 1896-present

Bulk dates: 1961-present

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#### **Summary Information:**

*Extent:* .5 linear feet (1 box); plus 26 2x2 slides

*Abstract:* The records of the Drama Guild include playbills, slides and photographs of productions.

*Call number:* G5

*Language:* The material is in English

#### **Access and Use:**

*Acquisition Information:* This collection includes playbills from 1961-1967 donated by Barbara McCarthy, who was active in the Drama Guild and Summer Theater during that time. 2x2 transparencies of productions from 19xx-19xx, taken by Fr. Francis O'Connell, were donated by Frank Torok, the director during that time. The collection is added to yearly.

*Access Restrictions:* The record group is open to research.

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#### **Background Information:**

*History:* Drama has always been an important element of the St. Benedict's experience. There have been student productions, often associated with commencement, since the school's beginnings. The 1930s saw the Annual Musical Revue and Dance. The modern Drama Guild began in 1961? when Frank Torok was hired as director. He was followed by Kevin Hanily, who

was director until the time of the closing. Soon after the reopening of the school, Patricia Flynn became director.

**Scope and Content and Arrangement:**

The records of the Theater Program include playbills, tickets, photographs and slides of productions. Material related to a particular production is kept together.

**Subject Terms:**

*Subjects:*

- St. Benedict's Prep--Drama Guild
- St. Benedict's Prep--Summer Theater
- St. Benedict's College--Student Theatrical Productions
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**Related Materials:**

The archives holds a CD of the scrapbook compiled by Arthur ....., who was a member from 19-- to 19--.

Researchers interested in this archive may also wish to consult the following resources in the Newark Abbey Archives holdings:

Photograph Collection:

**Contents listing:**

Folder #	Description
<b>BOX 1</b>	
1	[Playbills to be dated and filed]
2	Brochure, Commencement 1896
3	Productions 1932-1936
4	Productions 1961-1962
5	Productions 1962-1963
6	Productions Summer 1963
7	Productions 1963-1964
8	Productions Summer 1964
9	Productions 1964-1965
10	Productions Summer 1965
11	Productions 1965-1966
12	Productions Summer 1966
13	Productions 1966-1967
14	Productions Summer 1967
15	Productions 1967-1968
16	Productions 1968-1969
17	Productions 1969-1970
18	Productions 1975-1976

19	Productions 1987-1988
20	Productions 1988-1989
21	Productions 1989-1990
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33	Productions 2004-2005
34	Productions 2006-2007
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36	Productions 2008-2009
37	Productions 2009-2010
38	Productions 2010-2011
39	Productions 2012-2013
40	Productions 2013-2014
41	Productions 2014-2015
42	DVD of slides from Frank Torok
43	“The Play’s the Thing: Memories of St. Benedict’s Prep Drama Guild” (2007)
44	Fringe Festival 2007
45	Drama Guild Reunion (2012)

2x2 Slides of *Twelve Angry Men* (11/1962); *How to Succeed in Business* (5/1967); *Once Upon a Mattress* (Summer 1967) in 2x2 slide box