Players' Club fonds

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Fonds Description

Players' Club fonds. – 1916-1961. 33 cm of textual records. 8 photographs.

Administrative History

The Players' Club was founded at the University of British Columbia in 1915 by Frederic Wood who served as honourary president and director of all plays staged from 1916 to 1931. The objective of the organization was to provide training in the theatre arts for UBC students. Each spring and fall, the club performed one act plays throughout the province. Such tours contributed significantly to the cultural life of B.C. and helped integrate the activities of the university with the outlying areas of the province. The Players' Club disbanded in 1966 following the institution of the Department of Theatre at UBC – however, it was revived in the 1990s.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of minute books, membership lists (1916-1937), photographs, plays, financial records, programs and play announcements (1916-1961), scrapbooks (1916-1944), and ephemera.

Notes

File list available.

Photographs scanned and included in UBC Archives' Historical Photograph Database (UBC 109.1)

File 2-4 found among other unrelated material and added July 2012.

Programmes in File 2-5 acquired in 2019.

Related records may be found in the Frederic Wood and Players' Club Alumni fonds.

File List

BOX 1

PLAYERS' CLUB MINUTES

- 1-1 1916-1923
- 1-2 1933-1937
- 1-3 Court of Honour (1933-1937)

PLAYERS CLUB PROGRAMS

- 1-4 1916-1934
- 1-5 1935-1958
- 1-6 Duplicates (1916-1954)

(continued)

PLAYS

1-7 "The High Priest" by Annie Margaret Anderson (1922)
"The One Deserving" by Dorothy Taylor (1924)
"The Usual Thing" by Kaye Lamb (1926)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1-8 Players' Club Alumni Bulletin (1956) Financial Report (n.d.)
- 1-9 Ephemera Misc.
- 1-10 McGill University College "The Antigone" (1915)

1-11	Christmas Play - "How He Lied to Her Husband" - Director's (Cyril Berkeley) copy
1-12	Scrapbook 1916-1931
BOX 2	
2-1	Scrapbook 1933-1944
2-2	Manuscript of "Revue" (n.d.)
2-3	Posters
2-4	Set and costume design for Players' Club production of "Love for Love" November 1957 [no other record of production – never completed?]

PLAYERS CLUB PROGRAMS (cont.)

2-5 1935-1961

PHOTOGRAPHS

Cast of "You and I" (1925) - Removed and stored with Archives' photograph collections.

- 109.1/1 Harry Warren as "G.T. Warren" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 19 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/2 Peter Price as "Matey" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 19 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/3 Kenneth Caple as "Rickey" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 19 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/4 Avis Pumphrey as "Etta" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 19 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/5 Oenone Baillie as "Ronnie" and Kenneth Caple as "Rickey" (1925) ; photoprint ; 19 x 24 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/6 Oenone Baillie as "Ronnie" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 19 cm. [Print]

- 109.1/7 Composite photograph of cast members in "You and I" (1925) ; photoprint ; 24 x 18 cm. [Print]
- 109.1/8 Group photograph including Frederic Wood (192-) ; photoprint ; 19 x 24 cm. [Print]