

GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF THE PORT SINGERS



Robin Hood, 1958

Collection Abstract: Photographs, reports, clippings, programs, and posters documenting the work of this community theatre/choral group founded in 1945.

Collection Title: THE PORT SINGERS

Accession Numbers: 2006-003; 2009-004

Inclusive Dates: 1946- 1995 (Bulk dates: 1957-1977)

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INTRODUCTION

The Port Singers was founded in 1945 by Mildred Holt, a music teacher at the Flower Hill School. Beginning as a choral group with 20 members, the Singers initially performed only classical music. In later years, the membership rose to more than 80 members and they launched their first full scale production in 1957 with Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*. The Port Singers stated goal was to "offer music of quality for the enjoyment of our members and the community from which we are drawn.

The Port Singers had many directors after Mildred Holt, including Harold Doughty, Phil Glover, Pam Meadows, Al Pinter, Robert Procter, and Jerald Stone. All of the production work from constructing the sets to making the costumes was done by the members. The Port Singers generally performed a classical concert in December and a musical production in the spring. Some of the proceeds from each production were donated to a scholarship program to aid high school seniors pursuing musical studies.

The Port Singers have disbanded and the date of their final performance could not be determined.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection spans the years 1946 to 1995 (bulk dates 1957-1977) and includes reports, programs, clippings, photographs, negatives, contact sheets, fliers, and posters. Production files include *Gondoliers*, *The Merry Widow*, *Robin Hood*, and *Sweet Charity*.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is organized in 3 series:
Series 1: Administrative Files, 1965-1978
Series 2: Productions, 1946-1995
Series 3: Oversize Materials,

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Series 2: Productions

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| 7 | <i>The Boys from Syracuse</i> - Publicity, 1974 |
| 8 | Christmas Concert – Soloists (Negatives), 1957 |
| 9 | <i>Fanny</i> – Photographs & Negatives, 1978 |
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| 16 | <i>The Merry Widow</i> – Publicity, 1973
<i>The Merry Widow</i> – See also Box 4 – Oversized material |
| 17 | <i>Mikado</i> – Photographs, Negatives, Contact sheets, 1959 |
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| | Series 3: Oversize Material |
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| 1 | Posters (for productions), 1968 – 1982 |
| 2 | <i>Fanny</i> – Publicity, 1978
<i>Merry Widow</i> – Shopping bag advertising the show (not in a folder)
<i>Pajama Game</i> – Photograph of four cast members in costume (not in a folder) |