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**Wayside Theatre Records  
1707 WFCHS/THL**

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**EXTENT:** Approximately 3.21 linear feet plus 7 reels of microfilm

**DATES:** 1962 - 2013

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This Wayside Theatre Records contains flyers, brochures, news articles, scrapbooks, and playbills from the early 1960s to 2013, as well as other items associated with the Wayside Theatre in Middletown, Virginia. Lists of productions and playbills are included with this inventory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Wayside Theatre was originally known as the Maralarrick Players. It was founded in 1962. One year later, the company was bought by Washington, D.C. financier Leo Bernstein who then changed the name to Wayside Theatre. Many famous actors have performed on stage at the theater, including Susan Sarandon, Stacey Keach, Peter Boyle, and Kathy Bates. The theater closed on August 7, 2013, after 52 years in business.

In 2021, former members of the Wayside Theatre launched a website to document its history: <https://www.allaboutwayside.com>

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**ACQUISITION INFORMATION:** Acquired as a gift.

**ORGANIZATION:**

**BOX 1**

Brochures/Fliers

Financial Statements, 1981

Fundraising

Gala Invitation – 1988

News Articles, 1962 – 2013 (1 flash drive). News articles have been scanned and saved as PDF files.

Season Subscriptions

Show/Cast/Crew Information – 1968-2001 (no year totally complete)

Tickets to 1988/89 Season

Wayside Inn-Quirer, 2 copies, printed

Wayside Theatre Press Releases, June 1979 – December 1982

**BOX 2 – Playbills 1964-2002**

Playbills – 1963-1965; 40 items, printed

Playbills—1966-1968; 20 items, printed

Playbills – 1970-1973; 13 leaves, 2 items, printed

Playbills—1974-1975; 54 leaves, 2 items, printed

Playbills—1976-1979; 40 leaves, 4 items, printed

Playbills – 1980-1982, 5 items, printed

Playbills – 1983, 5 items, printed

Playbills – 1984-1985, 15 items, printed

Playbills – 1986, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 1987, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 1988, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 1989, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 1990, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 1991, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 1992, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 1993, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 1994, 5 items, printed

Playbills – 1995, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 1996, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 1997, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 1998, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 1999, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 2000, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 2001, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 2002, 8 items, printed

**BOX 3 – Playbills 2003-2013**

Playbills – 2003, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 2004, 10 items, printed

Playbills – 2005, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 2006, 9 items, printed

Playbills – 2007, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 2008, 6 items, printed

Playbills – 2009, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 2010, 8 items, printed

Playbills – 2011, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 2012, 7 items, printed

Playbills – 2013, 2 items, printed

**BOX 4 – Awards, promotional literature and items**

Certificate of Appreciation, 1999

Certification of Recognition, 1988

Certification of Recognition, 2001 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Letters of Congratulation, 2001 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Commendation – General Assembly, 2001 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Commendation – House of Delegates, 2001 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Certificate of Recognition – Governor, 2001 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Certificate of Award, 2002 (9/11 Fund Raiser)

Commendation – 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Certificate of Recognition, 2008 (Governor’s Award)

Letter of Congratulatory (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Commendation – House of Delegates, 2001 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

General Assembly Resolution, 2011 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Promotional literature and items, unnumbered

**BOX 5 Mystery Theatre**

Mystery Theatre Publicity Materials

“The Deadly Diet,” 1989 scripts (2)

“The Homecoming,” 1990, script and publicity materials

“The Neptune Incident,” 1992, script and publicity materials

“The Curse of the Sable Diamond,” script, 1992

“The Curse of the Scottish Play,” 1993-4, publicity materials

“A Vote for Murder,” 1994, script and publicity materials

“The Dangerous Illusion,” 1995-1996, publicity materials

“Mumm’s the Word,” 1997, publicity materials

“Wine, Women, and Wodka,” 1998, script and publicity materials

“The Candidate,” undated, script

### **MICROFILM**

Roll 1 of 3 (2 copies): Scrapbooks for the following years: 1964; 1965; 1966; 1967-1968; 1969

Roll 2 of 3 (2 copies): Scrapbooks for the following years: 1970; 1971; 1972 (cont. on Roll 3)

Roll 3 of 3 (2 copies): Scrapbooks for the following years: 1972 cont.; 1973; 1973-1974; 1974; 1978

Note: Digitized copies of the scrapbooks are also available on an external hard drive filed with the collection.

Roll 1 of 1: Wayside Props