Delaware Theatre Company records supplement
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Historical Note

The Delaware Theatre Company (DTC) was founded in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1978 with a mission to create theater of the highest professional quality in Delaware and thereby enrich the area through artistic programming, education and community service.

The largest professional theater in Delaware, the DTC was the collective brainchild of Cleveland Morris, Peter DeLaurier, and Ceal Phelan. The three friends founded the DTC "to revive a city that had fallen victim to the race riots of the late 1960s [and] whose historic past was overshadowed by the urban wasteland that had replaced neighborhood vitality... [and to start] a professional regional theatre" (Kipp, page 13). With support from Mayor Bill McLaughlin, the Company was established in an abandoned firehouse on French Street in Wilmington, at the affordable rent of one dollar per year. The French Street Firehouse served as the site for "rehearsals, set construction, office work, and plays" (Delaware Theatre Company), despite struggles with space issues and financial resources. In 1983, as a result of raising almost two million dollars in a capital campaign, the DTC moved into a new building on the Christiana waterfront.

The Delaware Theatre Company is currently governed by a board of directors is led by a team of four officers: a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and secretary. In addition, several committees have been formed to help manage particular aspects of DTC. There have been other committees over the years, including development, executive, long-range planning, nominating, benefit and finance.

The Delaware Theatre Company operates "nationally recognized education programs [which] reach out to all sectors of the community" (Delaware Theatre Company). Among these programs are the Theatre in the Schools matinee program; classroom visits by Delaware Theatre Company teaching artists; post-performance conversations with members of the cast; "Insights," a standards-based study guide for teachers; and Summer on the Stage. Moreover, the Delaware Theatre Company focuses on providing at-risk youth access to the arts. Some of the programs designed to help this demographic are Totally Awesome Kids, Pro-Actors, and a partnership with the Ferris School.

Sources:


Scope and Content Note

Educational and community outreach programs are the main focus and the bulk of this supplement to the Delaware Theatre Company records, with a large component consisting of the files of the Director of Education & Community Engagement, C. J. Conway.

The collection is arranged in two series: Series I. Education Programs (1983-2013) and Series II. Delaware Theatre Company programming (1986-2008).

C. J. Conway has been the Director of Education & Community Engagement at the Delaware Theatre Company since 1992. In leading the theater's educational outreach to youth and adults, Conway has established the summer camps and the Delaware Young Playwrights Festival, as well as programs for people with cognitive disabilities (Totally Awesome Players). Some of the files in the first series were created by Conway, and the entire Series I. Education programs, highlights educational and outreach programs that he has directed. The folder titles assigned by Conway have been retained.

In addition to the files of C. J. Conway, the first series includes photographs, photograph albums, videocassette recordings, and other material which document the education and outreach done by the Delaware Theatre Company. Programs and activities depicted by the photographs and videos are Summer Camp, Student matinees, National Conference for Community and Justice programs, Acting classes, Totally Awesome Kids, First State School, Educators workshop, Young Playwrights Festival, Summer on Stage, and Conflict Resolution classes, to name only a few. The Delaware Theatre Company has also created and conducted programs in local schools, such as Centerville, Sanford, Ennis, Pulaski, Padua, and the New Jersey School for the Deaf, all of which are documented in the files.

Series I. also houses a box of paper sign props for a Summer on Stage session run in 2002, and a box of index cards which offer ideas for group activities.

Series II. Delaware Theatre Company programming, consist of approximately one linear foot of files related to some of the publicity and programming done by the theater. This series contains several folders of clippings and articles about the Delaware Theatre Company; a subseries devoted to files related to individual plays produced by the theater; a small group of playbills, showcards, and mailings generated by the Delaware Theatre Company; and several files related to the theater's art gallery and annual benefits.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Theater--United States--History--20th century.

Education in the theater--United States--History--20th century.

Children's theater--United States--History--20th century.

Participatory theater--United States--History--20th century.

Performing arts--United States--History--20th century.

Theater and children--United States--History--20th century.

Theater and youth--United States--History--20th century.

Geographic Names

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Form/Genre Terms

Correspondence.

Photographs.

Slides (photographs)

Playbills.

Reviews (document genre)

Administrative records.

Contracts.

Budgets.

Photograph albums.

Videocassettes.

Plays (document genre)

Negatives (photographic)

Clippings (information artifacts)
Personal Contributors

Conway, Charles.

Related Materials in this Repository

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. Education programs, 1983-2013

The Education series comprises the bulk of this supplement to the Delaware Theatre Company records. The series contains the files of the Director of Education & Community Engagement, C.J. Conway and a collection of photographs, photograph albums, videocassette recordings, and other material which document the education and outreach done by the Delaware Theatre Company.


These files were created by Conway and highlight the educational and outreach programs that he directs.

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Acting Classes, 2012 [Box 40 F1]

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Cecil County College Internship, 2006 [Box 40 F15]

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Delaware Young Playwrights Festival (YPF), 2008 [Box 40 F18]

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Delaware Recommended Curriculum (Visual and Performing Arts), undated [Box 40 F21]

Education, 2002-2003 [Box 40 F22]

Education General Advisory Committee, 2001-2003 [Box 40 F23]

Education General Advisory Committee refocus, 2011 [Box 40 F24]

Education Advisory Com., 2009 [Box 40 F25]

Ed Associate Search, 2010 [Box 40 F26]

Education Dept. Job Descriptions, 1995-1999 [Box 40 F27]

Dawn M. Ellis, 2004-2007 [Box 40 F28]

Residencies Ferris School For Boys, 2002 [Box 40 F29]

Residencies Ferris School For Boys, 2003-2004 [Box 40 F30]

Residencies Ferris School For Boys, 2004 [Box 40 F31]

Ferris After School Program, 2007 [Box 40 F32]


Ferris Residencies #19, 2008 [Box 40 F34]

Ferris 2008, 2008 [Box 40 F35]

Ferris, 2011 [Box 40 F36]

Ferris Volunteer / Bckgrd, 2011 [Box 40 F37]
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Budget Grant Distribution, 2006-2007 [Box 40 F39]

Hollidazzle, 2007-2008 [Box 40 F40]

Hollidazzle, 2010 [Box 40 F41]

Insights, 2009 [Box 40 F42]

IRS Tax Exempt Letter, 1983-2001 [Box 40 F43]

Internship U of D, 2011 [Box 40 F44]

Its Not Just A Stage, undated [Box 40 F45]

Jefferson Awards, 2008-2010 [Box 40 F46]

Jefferson Awards, 2011 [Box 40 F47]

Nice Letters/Testimonies, 2000-2006 [Box 40 F48]

Letters of Support Student Matinees - Students, 1990-2000 [Box 40 F49]

Letters of Support Student Matinees - Educators, 1990-2000 [Box 40 F50]

Letters of Support Residencies, 1994-2001 [Box 40 F51]

Letters of Support Young Playwrights Festival, 1999-2000 [Box 40 F52]

Letters of Support, 2000-2001 [Box 40 F53]

Letters - Delaware Theatre Company Student Matinees, 2000 [Box 40 F54]

Letters of Support, undated [Box 40 F55]

Letters re: Young Playwrights Festival, 2002 [Box 41 F56]

Letters of Support Education Department, 1994-1999 [Box 41 F57]

Letters of Support Educators' Workshop, 1989-1997 [Box 41 F58]

Letters of Support Totally Awesome Kids, 1995-2002 [Box 41 F59]

artist LINK Philadelphia, 2007-2008 [Box 41 F60]
Managers' Meeting, 2008 [Box 41 F61]

Managing Director Search, 2009 [Box 41 F62]

Medical Insurance, 1997 [Box 41 F63]

National Conference for Community and Justice, 2004 [Box 41 F64]

No Children, 2008-2009 [Box 41 F65]

Playwriting Materials, 2003-2004 [Box 41 F66]

Poetry Out Loud, 2006-2007 [Box 41 F67]

Preschool Playhouse, 2007 [Box 41 F68]

Pro Actor, 2007-2008 [Box 41 F69]

Pro Actors - Schedule Board Words, 2009 [Box 41 F70]

Pro Actors, 2009 [Box 41 F71]

Pro Actors, 2010 [Box 41 F72]

Public Allies, 2006-2007 [Box 41 F73]

Public Ally, 2007-2008 [Box 41 F74]

James Reilly fund, 2009-2010 [Box 41 F75]

Serviam Girls Academy, 2009-2010 [Box 41 F76]

StageCraft Instructor, 2011 [Box 41 F77]

Stubbs Fall 2011 Plans, 2011 [Box 41 F78]

Student Matinees, 2012-2013 [Box 41 F79]

Study Guides, 2009-2010 [Box 41 F80]

Study Guides Insights, 2011-2012 [Box 41 F81]

Summer on Stage (SOS), 2010 [Box 41 F82]

SOS 2011 Camp Director Cheat Sheets, 2011 [Box 41 F83]
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Theatre Manager How to, undated [Box 41 F86]

Totally Awesome Kids (TAK), 2006-2007 [Box 41 F87]

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Totally Awesome Kids Inauguration, 2009 [Box 41 F89]

Totally Awesome Kids, 2008-2009 [Box 41 F90]

Totally Awesome Kids, 2009-2010 [Box 41 F91]

Totally Awesome Kids Advisory Committee, 2009-2011 [Box 41 F92]

Totally Awesome Players (TAP) - Ennis 2011-2012, 2011-2012 [Box 41 F93]

Totally Awesome Players, 2011-2012 [Box 41 F94]

TIX 4 Teachers, 2008 [Box 41 F95]

The Ulster Project, 2006 [Box 41 F96]

Building for the Arts, 1984 [Box 41 F97]

Cash Flow (play by D. B. Gilles), 1986 [Box 41 F98]

**Subseries I.B. Education and summer programs, 1994-2001**

Includes photographs and negatives which depict DTC summer programs including Totally Awesome Kids, Totally Awesome Players, Summer on Stage, and the Delaware Young Playwrights Festival. The subseries also includes videocassette recordings of programs, props for a summer program, and a box of index cards with ideas for group dynamics and acting exercises.

Videocassette tape recordings, 1994-2001

Includes VHS tapes used for programs and VHS tapes of events, such as recordings the Young Playwrights Festival and the Summer Theatre Arts Camp performances.

Art and Ideas/DE Theatre Co. 12 Tonight, 1996 [Item 0633s_vhs_0001]

Leanne Evans, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0002]
Series I. Subseries I.B.

Arts Report w/ Maria Hess Delaware Theatre Company, 1994 [Item 0633s_vhs_0003]

DTC's Acting for Children w/ Mental Retardation, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0004]

The Laughing Dragon - DE Theatre Company, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0005]

Howard T. Ennis, undated [0633s_vhs_0006]

AIDS Delaware 10 PSAs, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0007]

Delaware Theater Company, 2001 [Item 0633s_vhs_0008]

Conflict Resolution, 1997 [Item 0633s_vhs_0009]

Conflict Resolution, 1997 [Item 0633s_vhs_0010]


Delaware Theatre Company Education Outreach Programming Taped Program Segments, 1995 [Item 0633s_vhs_0012]

TAK [Totally Awesome Kids] Careful Wishes, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0013]

City Summer Camp, 1995 [Item 0633s_vhs_0014]

DTC's Summer Theatre Arts Camp Performances, 1996 [Item 0633s_vhs_0015]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0016]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0017]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0018]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0019]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0020]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0021]

The 9th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1998 [Item 0633s_vhs_0022]

Young Playwright's Festival, 1996 [Item 0633s_vhs_0023]

Young Playwright's Festival, 1996 [Item 0633s_vhs_0024]
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DTC's 6th Annual Young Playwrights Festival, 1995 [Item 0633s_vhs_0025]

Teleducation Associates "Crossin' the Line" DTC Delaware State Bar Association, undated [Item 0633s_vhs_0026]

Photographs of educational programs, 1984-2007

This subseries chronicles through photographs the educational programming and outreach to the community by the Delaware Theatre Company. There are 24 photograph albums and four shoe boxes of photographs. The contents of each box is derived from labeling on the envelopes or on the photographs themselves. There is also one box which is solely negatives.

- Summer on Stage Sessions 1-3, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Ulster Project, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Educator's Workshop, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Shakespeare Tour, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Student Matinee "Macbeth", 2001 [Box 43]
- Student Matinee "A Christmas Carol", 2001 [Box 43]
- Young Playwrights Festival, 2000-2002 [Box 43]
- Young Playwrights Festival Rehearsal - Anyone for Marbles?, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Young Playwrights Festival Rehearsal - Dick and George, 2000 [Box 43]
- Student Matinees Of Mice and Men, 2000-2001 [Box 43]
- Silly Staff pictures, 2000 [Box 43]
- Totally Awesome Kids, 2001-2002 [Box 43]
- Unidentified photographs [Box 43]
- To Sohanna DTC (Summer on Stage), undated [Box 44]
- Summer on Stage and show groups, 2002-2006 [Box 44]
- Unidentified photographs, undated [Box 44]
- Young Playwrights Festival, 2002 [Box 44]
Jewel's Candles, 2002 [Box 44]

Summer Camp, 1999 [Box 44]

University City New School, 1991 [Box 44]

Acting Classes, 1994 [Box 44]

Totally Awesome Kids, 1996-2010 [Box 44]

DSD 3rd Grade, 2003 [Box 44]

Summer Camp, 1999 [Box 45]

Univ. City New School, 1991 [Box 45]

Acting Classes, 1994 [Box 45]

MR, 1996-1997 [Box 45]

Totally Awesome Kids, 1996 [Box 45]

Totally Awesome Kids, 1997 [Box 45]

Totally Awesome Kids, 1999 [Box 45]

Totally Awesome Kids, 2001 [Box 45]

Summer Camp, 1997 [Box 45]

Summer Camp, 1996 [Box 45]

First State, 1996 [Box 45]

SPR Acting Classes, 1996 [Box 45]

Totally Awesome Kids, 2009 [Box 45]

MR, 1997 [Box 45]

Woman In Mind Workshop, undated [Box 45]

Acting Classes for Children with Mental Challenges Ingleside, 1997 [Box 45]

Holly Dazzel, undated [Box 45]
Jane McFann, 2007 [Box 45]

Young Playwrights Festival, 2001 [Box 46]

Summer on Stage, 2003 [Box 46]

Summer on Stage, 2004 [Box 46]

Young Playwright's Festival, 2004 [Box 46]

Acting for Young People (AYP), 2002 [Box 46]

Photograph albums, 1984-2005

These albums record in photographs many of the educational and outreach activities developed by the Delaware Theatre Company. The programs include Summer Camp, Student matinees, National Conference for Community and Justice programs, Acting classes, Totally Awesome Kids, First State School, Internship program, Educators workshop, Young Playwrights Festival, Centerville School program, Sanford School City Summer Camp, Ennis School program, Hosts program with Pulaski School, Padua improvisation competition, Conflict resolution, the Trailer, Ulster Project, Mentoring Program, Stage Moms, A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital acting classes, Summer on Stage, Shakespeare in the Schools, Cleveland Sign Stage, Education Advisory Committee, and the New Jersey School for the Deaf.

Photograph album, 1984-1988 [Album 1]

Photograph album, 1990-1991 [Album 2]

Photograph album, 1992 [Album 3]

Photograph album, 1993 [Album 4]

Photograph album, 1994 [Album 5]

Photograph album, 1995 [Album 6]

Photograph album, 1996 [Album 7]

Photograph album, 1997 [Album 8]

Photograph album, 1998 [Album 9]

Photograph album, 1999 [Album 10]

Photograph album, 2000 [Album 11]
Photograph album, 2000 [Album 12]

Photograph album, 2001 [Album 13]

Photograph album, 2001 [Album 14]

Photograph album, 2001 [Album 15]

Photograph album, 2001 [Album 16]

Photograph album, 2001 [Album 17]

Photograph album, 2002 [Album 18]

Photograph album, 2002 [Album 19]

Photograph album, 2003 [Album 20]

Photograph album, 2003 [Album 21]

Photograph album, 2004 [Album 22]

Photograph album, 2004 [Album 23]

Photograph album, 2005 [Album 24]

Photographic negatives, 1986-2001 [Box 47]

Information and ideas for programs, undated

Index cards with ideas for group exercises and activities.

Idea/Cards, undated [Box 48]

Ensemble Techniques, undated [Box 48]

Icebreakers, undated [Box 48]

Emotion Cards, undated [Box 48]

Tongue Twisters, undated [Box 48]

Playwriting Activities, undated [Box 48]

Props for a session of Summer on Stage program, 2002 [Box 49]
Series II. Delaware Theatre Company programming, 1986-2008

Includes general publicity and information for plays and the Delaware Theatre Company art gallery.

Subseries II.A. General publicity, 1986-2002

- Articles and magazines, 2001-2012 [Box 41 F99]
- Board Clippings, 2001-2002 [Box 41 F100]
- Clippings, 2001-2002 [Box 41 F101]
- Album of season slides, 1986-1987 [Album 25]

Subseries II.B. Publicity and related material for individual plays, 2001-2007

Includes clippings, reviews, photographs, programs and other material related to plays produced by the Delaware Theatre Company.

- *Delicate Balance*, 2002-2003 [Box 41 F102]
- *Diva*, 2002-2003 [Box 41 F103]
- *Glengarry Glen Ross*, 2001-2003 [Box 42 F105]
- *Having Our Say*, 2002-2003 [Box 42 F106]
- *Jacob Markey's Christmas Carol*, 2001-2002 [Box 42 F107]
- *Lady Day*, 2002 [Box 42 F108]
- *Our Town*, 2001 [Box 42 F109]
- *Proof*, 2002 [Box 42 F110]
- *Retreat From Moscow* (set design), 2007 [Box 50 F110A]
- *Shirley Valentine*, 2002 [Box 42 F111]
- *Stinkin Rich*, 2002 [Box 42 F112]
- *Taming of the Shrew*, 2003 [Box 42 F113]
Series II. Subseries II.B.

Unidentified mounted photograph, undated [Box 50 F113A]

Subseries II.C. Art Gallery and benefits, 2001-2006

Artists - Gallery 2005-2006, 2005-2006 [Box 42 F114]

Artists - Staff show, 2005 [Box 42 F115]

Old artist information, 2001-2004 [Box 42 F116]

Benefit Wine Fest Barefoot Ball Like Magic, 2001-2003 [Box 42 F117]

Subseries II.D. Playbills, show cards, and mailings, 1998-2008

Playbills, 1998-2004 [Box 42 F118]

Show cards and mailings, 2002-2008 [Box 42 F119]

Season mailings, 1998-2006 [Box 42 F120]