

## **MS-651: Kenley Players Programs**

**Collection Number:** MS-651

**Title:** Kenley Players Programs

**Dates:** 1974-1982

**Creator:** Unknown

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Kenley Players was a summer stock theatre company that cast famous actors and actresses in well-known plays and musicals, then brought the productions to cities throughout the Midwest, including Dayton, Ohio. This collection includes programs from several local Kenley Players productions.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 0.21 linear foot

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, in February 2016, by the Victoria Theatre Association.

**Other Finding Aid:**

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**Related Material:**

[Wayne and Bette Morse collection on the Kenley Players \(UASC-017\)](#), University of Dayton Archives and Special Collections

**Processed by:**

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, April 2019.

**Arrangement:**

The materials are arranged in a single series chronologically.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The Kenley Players was a summer stock theatre company founded and operated by producer John Kenley (1906-2009). From 1940 to 1995, the Kenley Players cast famous actors and actresses in well-known plays and musicals, then brought the productions to cities throughout the Midwest, at affordable prices. Dayton's Memorial Hall hosted several of these productions between 1957 and 1995.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of programs for Kenley Players performances in Dayton from 1974 to 1982. The earlier years appear to contain mostly full runs of all programs, while the contents for later years are less complete. The programs include photographs and biographies for all the main cast members, as well as others important to the production, such as directors, authors, and choreographers.

**Subject Terms****Persons/Families**

Kenley, John, 1906-2009

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Kenley Players

**Places**

Memorial Hall (Dayton, Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Performing Arts--Ohio--Dayton

Theater--Ohio--Dayton

**Material Types**

Theater programs

## Collection Inventory

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