La Jolla Players

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Descriptive Summary

Title: La Jolla Players

Dates: 1945 - 1950

Collection Number: RG005.57

Creator/Collector: La Jolla Historical Society

Extent: 1 linear foot

Repository: La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

Abstract: The La Jolla Players Collection is made up of three scrapbooks containing archival material and ephemera pertaining to the La Jolla Players theatrical group who put on plays, competitions, and workshops for the La Jolla community. Also included are newspaper articles and photographs of La Jolla High School's drama students and their productions in 1949. This material pertains to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

Language of Material: English

Access: The Collection is open for research

Publication Rights: The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

Preferred Citation: Courtesy of the La Jolla Historical Society

Acquisition Information: RG005.57

Biography/Administrative History: The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its

Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

Scope and Content of Collection: The La Jolla Players Collection is made up of three scrapbooks containing archival material and ephemera pertaining to the La Jolla Players theatrical group who put on plays, competitions, and workshops for the La Jolla community. Also included are newspaper articles and photographs of La Jolla High School's drama students and their productions in 1949. This material pertains to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

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CONTAINER LIST

RG005 – Subject Files Collection (Large) Box 57 – La Jolla Players 363SB

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Blue scrapbook. "Community Players in La Jolla." Series of newspaper articles, programs, and telegrams regarding various actors and the following productions put on by the Players: Our Town, Lady Precious Stream, HMS Pinafore, Encore, Stage Door, The Taming of the Shrew, and Life with Father. 1948 – 1950.

Large brown scrapbook. "La Jolla Players; 1945 – 1948." Series of newspaper articles, programs, and posters covering various workshops, competitions, and the following productions put on by the Players: Happy Journey, Here Today, The Butcher's Boy, The Shining Hour, The Torchbearers, The Reluctant Dragon, The Ring of General Machado, The Ninth Guest, No Time for Comedy, The Women, Old Acquaintance, Death Takes a Holiday, The Ghost Train, The Uncertain Lady, Philadelphia Story, Ways and Means, Cinderella, State of the Union, and Love from a Stranger. 1945 – 1948.

Large brown scrapbook. "La Jolla Players – 1949." Series of newspaper articles and programs regarding the club's name change, talent show, membership drive, , and the following productions put on by the Players: Wizard of Oz, Hay Fever, The Barretts of Wimpole Street, and Love on the Rocks. Also included are newspaper articles and photographs of La Jolla High School's drama students and their productions. 1949.