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# María Julia Casanova Papers

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## Summary information

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

María Julia Casanova was born in Havana, Cuba in 1916 and is recognized for her long career as a script writer for radio and television and as a theater designer and director. She worked for children's theater in Mexico and wrote for the radio serial "La Impostora" broadcast on Cuba's CMQ station. With Margot de Blanck she founded the Sala Teatro Hubert de Blanck in Havana, in which she occasionally presented her own plays such as Hechizadas and Mujeres.

Exiled in Miami, Florida in 1960, Casanova worked in radio and later with Sociedad Pro-Arte Grateli. With Armando Navarro and Roberto Miñagorri, she founded the Sala Teatro La Danza, which debuted with the play Corona de Amor by Alejandro Casona and adapted by Casanova. Casanova also worked for the magazine publisher Editorial de Armas.

In the 1980s, she served as artistic director for the Teatro Bellas Artes in Miami, where she presented original works such as Lucy and La Reina Enamorada, and designed theater sets for Teatro Avante. In the 1990s, she realized her dream of owning a theater and opened the Teatro Casanova on Miami's Calle Ocho. Ediciones Universal published her autobiography, *Mi vida en el teatro*, in 2000. Four years later, María Julia Casanova died in Miami.

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## Scope and content

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The María Julia Casanova Papers primarily document the work of radio and television writer and theater designer and director María Julia Casanova (1916-2004) in Cuba and Miami. The Papers include her scripts, photographs, clippings, theater programs, set and costume designs, posters, audiovisual materials, memorabilia, and honors and awards.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Diana Martínez de Castro, 2004.

### Arrangement

The María Julia Casanova Papers are organized into two series.  
Please see the Finding Aid/Inventory section of this guide for more detailed information.

### Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions governing use

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Religious cards. (Cuba Vertical Files, Cuban Heritage Collection)  
Luisa María Güell. Poster, 1998 (Cuban Poster Collection, Cuban Heritage Collection)  
Cuban Flag (1x 0.5) (Cuba Vertical Files: Memorabilia, Cuban Heritage Collection)  
Cuban/Latino Theater Digital Archive, University of Miami Libraries, Coral Gables, Florida.  
Cuban and Cuban-American Theater Collection (CHC5169), Cuban Heritage Collection, University of Miami Libraries, Coral Gables, Florida.  
Teatro Avante Collection (CHC0465), Cuban Heritage Collection, University of Miami Libraries, Coral Gables, Florida.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:151

## Access points

- Casanova, María Julia, 1916- (subject)
- Set designers (subject)
- Women theatrical producers and directors (subject)

## Series descriptions

### Series id146438: Works; 1943-1997

#### Scope and content:

This series contains scripts for radio, television, and theater by Casanova along with theater costume and set designs, photographs, programs, posters and audiovisual materials. This series also includes works by other writers collected by Casanova.

#### Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

### Subseries id146439: Radio Scripts; undated,[1960-1970?]

#### Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id146440	File -			1
id146441	File - Actor (comedy)	undated		1 1
id146442	File - Amor en Disco (comedy)	undated		1 2
id146443	File - Ay, Pepe! (comedy)	undated		1 3
id146444	File - Barrio Lindo (synopsis)	undated		1 4
id146445	File - El Capuchón Negro (comedy)	undated		1 5
id146446	File - Destino Miami (serial)	undated		1 6
id146447	File - Esa Mujer (synopsis)	undated		1 7
id146448	File - El Hongo Maravilloso	undated		1 8

id146449	File - La Impostora (serial)	undated	1 9
id146450	File - Matrimonio de Prueba (comedy)	undated	1 12
id146451	File - Me Gusta tu Voz (musical comedy)	undated	1 13
id146452	File - Mi Hermano, el Indio (synopsis)	undated	1 14
id146453	File - Mi Marido es Mío (comedy)	undated	1 15
id146454	File - Mi Perro y Yo (synopsis)	undated	1 16
id146455	File -		5
id146456	File - Mi Pobre Guajirita (comedy)	undated	5 1
id146457	File - La Noche la Luna y la Música (comedy)	undated	5 2
id146458	File - El Piano (comedy)	undated	5 3
id146459	File - Que Tendré en la Mirada (comedy)	undated	5 4
id146460	File - Recuerdas Aquel Diciembre? (comedy)	undated	5 5
id146461	File - Renacer (synopsis)	undated	5 6
id146462	File - Rendezvous en Sueño (comedy)	undated	5 7
id146463	File - Reportaje de un Suceso	undated	5 8
id146464	File - Santoral (serial)	undated	5 9
id146465	File - La Sirena sin Cola (musical comedy)	undated	5 10
id146466	File - Si Señorita (comedy)	undated	5 11
id146469	File - Tú y Yo (mini-serial)	undated	5 12
id146470	File - Two Strangers (synopsis)	undated	5 13
id146471	File - Un Truco Monísimo (comedy)	undated	5 14
id146472	File - Vocabulario en Cinco Segundos (program)	undated	5 15
id146467	File -		19
id146468	File - El Testigo. Radio programs. Audiocassettes	[1960-1970?]	19 A3

### Subseries id146473: Television Scripts; undated,1964

#### Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id146474	File -			5
id146475	File - Los Angeles de Sor María (synopsis)	undated		5 16
id146476	File - Caribbean	undated		5 17
id146477	File - Caribbean Nostalgia (serial)	undated		5 18
id146478	File - La Carta más Hermosa (serial)	undated		5 19
id146479	File - Money Found. Television program (synopsis)	undated		5 20
id146480	File - La Música Cubana (documentary)	undated		5 21
id146481	File - El Perdóundated Mis Hijos (serial)	undated		5 22
id146482	File - Rendezvous para Tres (comedy)	undated		5 23
id146483	File - Sunshines and Stars (program)	undated		5 24
id146484	File - Tom Thumb (series)	1964		5 25
id146485	File - La Usurpadora (serial)	undated		5 26

id146486	File - Vida (synopsis)	undated	5 27	
id146487	File - Vietnam (documentary)	undated	5 28	
<b>Subseries id146488: Theatre Scripts and Related Materials; undated,1943-1997</b>				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
Published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id146489	File -			5
id146490	File - Así es Cuba	undated		5 29
id146491	File - Cachita (musical comedy)	[1989?]		5 30
id146492	File - La Cena (script)	undated		5 31
id146500	File - Ella, El y el Otro (musical comedy)	undated		5 32
id146507	File - Peter Pan. (script)	undated		5 33
id146508	File - Peter Pan en Tu Ventana (script)	undated		5 34
id146510	File - Volver al Pasado	undated		5 35
id146493	File -			7
id146494	File - Corona de Amor: Photographs	undated		7 1
id146495	File - Slides	[1980]		7 2
id146501	File - Escápate Isabel.	1958		7 3
id146506	File - Slides	undated		7 4
id146509	File - La Reina Enamorada. Slides	undated		7 5
id146511	File - Sala Teatro Casanova	undated		7 7
id146496	File -			9
id146497	File - Photographs (oversize)	[1980]		9 2
id146498	File -			10
id146499	File - Scrapbook	undated		10 1
id146502	File -			19
id146503	File - Gigi: audio tape	1976		19 A3
id146504	File -			33
id146505	File - Poster (oversize)	undated		33 1
id146517	File - Theatre Designs: Set Designs and Plans (oversize)	undated		33 2
id146512	File -			6
id146513	File - Programs	1943		6 1
id146514	File - Programs	1980-1990		6 2
id146515	File - Programs	1992-1994		6 3
id146516	File - Programs	1995-1997		6 4
id146518	File - Costume Designs	undated		6 5
id146519	File - Set Designs Notebook	undated		6 6
id146520	File - Stage Designs	undated		6 7
<b>Subseries id146521: Other Works,undated,1976- 1993</b>				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
Published				

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id146522	File -			6
id146523	File - El Ateo (synopsis)	undated		6 8
id146524	File - La Leyenda del hombre sin rostro (synopsis)	undated		6 9
id146525	File - Mon and Daughter (synopsis)	undated		6 10
id146526	File - La Novia Desconocida (synopsis)	undated		6 11
id146527	File - Remember Jesús (story)	undated		6 12
id146528	File - Los Reyes Magos pasan por Miami? (scketch)	1976		6 13
id146529	File - Rojo Amanecer (synopsis)	undated		6 14
id146530	File - Show de Manolo Godinez	undated		6 15
id146531	File - Poems. Notebook	undated		6 16
id146536	File - Woks by Others: Fernández, Araceli. Caído se ha un clavel	1978		6 17
id146537	File - Paulos, José. Miembros del Jurado	1993		6 18
id146538	File - Valera, Jorge Alejandro. Madame Sarah and Alexander the Great	undated		6 19
id146539	File - Songs	undated		6 20
id146532	File -			9
id146533	File - Photographs: Actors and Actress (oversize)	undated		9 6
id146534	File -			33
id146535	File - Contact Prints. Unidentified (oversize)	undated		33 3

### Series id146540: Personal Files

Date: 1959-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains correspondence, postcards, clippings, honors and awards, memorabilia, and guestbook.

Publication status:

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File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id146541	File -			8
id146542	File - Casanova Productions Inc	1992		8 1
id146545	File - Correspondence (Postcards)	1963-1993		8 2
id146546	File - Correspondence	1969-1982		8 3
id146547	File - Guestbooks	[196-?],1974		8 4
id146548	File - Guestbooks	[196-?],1974		8 5
id146553	File - Caricatures	undated		8 6
id146555	File - Clippings: About María Julia Casanova	1996, 2001, n.		8 7
id146556	File - About Humberto Almazán	[196..?]		8 8



id146557	File - Unidentified	undated	8 17
id146558	File - Unidentified	undated	8 18
id146543	File -		19
id146544	File - Seal	undated	19 A3
id146549	File -		9
id146550	File - Honors and Awards	1981, 2000, 2003	9 3
id146551	File - Honors and Awards	1981, 2000, 2003	9 4
id146552	File - Honors and Awards	1981, 2000, 2003	9 5
id146554	File - Caricature on felt (by Cuban cartoonist David)	1959	9 1