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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Teresa María Rojas was born in Havana, Cuba and graduated from the University of Havana in 1957. She studied acting at Sala Prometeo, a small theater located in Havana. After leaving Cuba in 1960, she went to Venezuela and then to Miami in 1963. Rojas began working as a professor of theater and acting at Miami-Dade College (MDC, also formerly known as Miami-Dade Community College) in 1972. In 1985, Rojas founded the Prometeo Theater, a bilingual theater group at MDC and assumed position of its artistic director. More than 400 students worked in the Prometeo Theater each year. During her teaching career, Rojas has performed, produced and directed more than 90 plays. In recognition of her teaching, she has been endowed with three Teaching Chairs. Further, one of her former students, Nilo Cruz, wrote a Pulitzer Prize winning play in the drama category, "Anna in the Tropics." Rojas performed in the play, when in retirement to Miami after its Broadway debut. Rojas has over 35 years of theater acting and teaching experience.

Scope and content

This collection documents the activities of Teresa María Rojas in her capacity as a theater actress, theater professor at Miami-Dade College (MDC, also formerly known as Miami-Dade Community College) for more than 30 years and the founder of the Prometeo Student Theater Group.

The majority of the materials document Rojas' role as artistic director of the Prometeo Theater and the success of the students who performed in it. Portfolios and reviews contain information regarding her teaching at MDC, in the capacity of the director of the Prometeo Theater and an instructor. The papers contain scrapbooks chronicling her work as the director of the Prometeo Theater from 1985.

The collection also documents her professional work as an actress in Miami, Cuba and other Latin American countries. Her performances in various acclaimed productions are documented by clippings and photographs. Rojas measured her own success as a professor and artistic director of Prometeo by the success of her students. She played the engaging and lighthearted role of Ofelia in "Ana in the Tropics". As Ofelia, Rojas took on a similar matronly role as the one she had among her students at MDC. Selected photographs, playbills, programs, letters, and clippings from the collection are available on the University of Miami Digital Collections portal under the CHC Theater Collections tab.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Teresa María Rojas, 2009.

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Access points

- Miami Dade College
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Theater programs (documentary form)
- Cuban American theatre (subject)
- Latin American theatre (subject)

Series descriptions

Series id6674: Personal Papers

Date: 1978-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains reviews and portfolios including awards, letters, documents and other correspondence. A documentary on the work and life of Rojas is available through the University of Miami Digital Collections.

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Series id6673: Theatrical Papers

Date: 1953-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of clippings, photographs, playbills, brochures, reviews and posters.

Publication status:

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File / item list

Subseries id6675: Professional Theater

Date: 1999-2008 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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id22965	File - Programs	2004		5 2
id22966	File - Programs	2006		5 3
id22967	File - Clippings	n.d.		5 4
id22968	File - Clippings	1999		5 5
id22969	File - Clippings	2000		5 6
id22970	File - Clippings	2001		5 7
id22971	File - Clippings	2002		5 8
id22972	File - Clippings	2003		5 9
id22973	File - Clippings	2004		5 10
id22974	File - Clippings	2005		5 11
id22975	File - Clippings	2006		5 12
id22976	File - Clippings	2008		5 13
id22977	File - Acting Photographs	n.d.		5 14
id22978	File - Portrait Photographs	n.d.		5 15
id22979	File - Reviews on "Anna in the Tropics"	n.d.,2003		5 16
id22980	File - Writings by Teresa María Rojas	n.d.		5 17
id22981	File - Correspondence	2004		5 18

Subseries id6676: Prometeo TheaterDate: 1953-2007 (date of creation)Publication status:

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id22986	File - Programs	2001		6 4
id23850	File - Programs	2002		6 5
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id23859	File - Clippings	2004	6 14
id23860	File - Clippings	2005	6 15
id23861	File - Clippings	2007	6 16
id23862	File - Correspondence	n.d., 1991-2003	6 17
id23863	File - Photographs	n.d.	6 18
id23864	File -		7
id23865	File - Posters	n.d., 1975-2004	7 1

Series id23866: Scrapbooks

Date: n.d., 1953-2007 (date of creation)

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id23867	File - Scrapbook 1: Page 1 to 26	n.d., 1968-1989		8
id23868	File - Scrapbook 2: Page 1 to 21	n.d., 1953-1977		9
id23869	File - Scrapbook 3: Front Pocket and Page 1 to 52	n.d., 1953-2006		10
id23870	File - Scrapbook 4	n.d., 1953-2007		11
id23871	File - Scrapbook 5: Page 1 to 39	n.d., 1977-1980		12