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Finding Aid for the Opera Grand Rapids Promotional Art Collection. Collection 457

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - dnr:	Stien, Richard
Title:	Opera Grand Rapids art materials
ID:	Collection 457
Date [inclusive]:	1991-2013
Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet 2 boxes
Physical Description:	Excellent
Abstract:	Grand Rapids, Mich. artist Richard Stien has created unique and original art as a thank you for the Friends of the Opera Grand Rapids opera company for over two decades. This collection consists of water color, ink, and color pencil illustrations as well as reproductions of finalized materials related to performances and events. Some of the art pieces show the process through which the artist progressed, from early sketches through to the finished printed and designed advertisement. Also included is a self published book of landscape paintings, painted by Stien from 1969-2010.

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Biographic/Historic Note

The Opera Grand Rapids opera company has performed classic opera to the audiences of Grand Rapids, Mich since 1966. After World War II, there were very few opportunities to experience classic opera in Western Michigan but by the mid-1950s the St. Cecelia Music Society began staging small productions. The Opera Association Committee was formed at St. Cecelia to continue selecting, producing, and staging operas. The Opera Grand Rapids company formed in 1966 from the dedicated members of the Opera Association Committee. The Opera Grand Rapids company staged their first show, The Marriage of Figaro, in 1967.

Richard Stien, the artist responsible for these posters, was born in Chicago and grew up and currently resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. He received his BFA in Art Education and his MFA in Painting and Drawing from Michigan State University. He has also studied at New York University/Venice and the University of the State of Mexico. He currently is a professor of art at Grand Rapids Community College.

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Content Description

42 water color and color pencil drawings 1991-2012. Both original drawings and sketches and reproductions for promotional materials for Opera Grand Rapids are represented. Also included is a self published book of landscape paintings, painted by the artist from 1969-2010.

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Scope and Contents

42 original drawings for promotional posters for the Opera Grand Rapids company. The purpose of the collection was to provide thank you materials to the Friends of the Opera but the collection also includes posters for fundraisers and membership drives. Also included is a self published book of landscape paintings, painted by the artist from 1969-2010. All promotional material is organized by year and each folder contains minor background information hand written by artist Richard Stien.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Richard Stien

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Controlled Access Headings

- Artists -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
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 - Opera companies -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Don Pasquale, 1991, 1991 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1991</u>	Box 1	Folder 1
La Boheme, 1992, 1992 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1992</u>	Box 1	Folder 2
25 Years, 1993, 1993 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1993</u>	Box 1	Folder 3
Madama Butterfly, 1993, 1993 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1993</u>	Box 1	Folder 4
Barber of Seville, 1994, 1994 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1994</u>	Box 1	Folder 5
Cavalleria Rusticana, 1994, 1994 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1994</u>	Box 1	Folder 6
The Marriage of Figaro, 1995, 1995 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1995</u>	Box 1	Folder 7
The Magic Flute, 1995, 1995 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1995</u>	Box 1	Folder 8
Lucia di Lammermoor, 1996, 1996 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1996</u>	Box 1	Folder 9
Rigoletto, 1996, 1996 <u>Date [inclusive]: 1996</u>	Box 1	Folder 10
Faust, 1998, 1998	Box 1	Folder 11

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1998		
Membership Advertisement, 2001, 2001	Box 1	Folder 12
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2001		
Turandot, 2005, 2001	Box 1	Folder 13
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2001		
Madama Butterfly, 2006, 2006	Box 1	Folder 14
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2006		
Don Giovanni, 2007, 2007	Box 1	Folder 15
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2007		
Carmen, 2007, 2007	Box 2	folder 2
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2007		
The Flying Dutchman, 2008, 2008	Box 2	Folder 1
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2008		
Rigoletto, 2010, 2010	Box 1	Folder 16
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2010		
Pagliacci, 2010, 2010	Box 1	Folder 17
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2010		
Fundraiser, 2010	Box 1	Folder 18
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2010		
Manon Lescaut, 2011, 2011	Box 1	Folder 19
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2011		
Il Trovatore, 2011, 2011	Box 1	Folder 20
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2011		
The Magic Flute, 2012, 2012	Box 1	Folder 21
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2012		
Samson and Delilah, 2012, 2012	Box 1	Folder 22
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2012		
Landscape Paintings, 2013	Box 1	Folder 1
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2013		