

Documenting Fantasy Playhouse: A University and Community Collaboration



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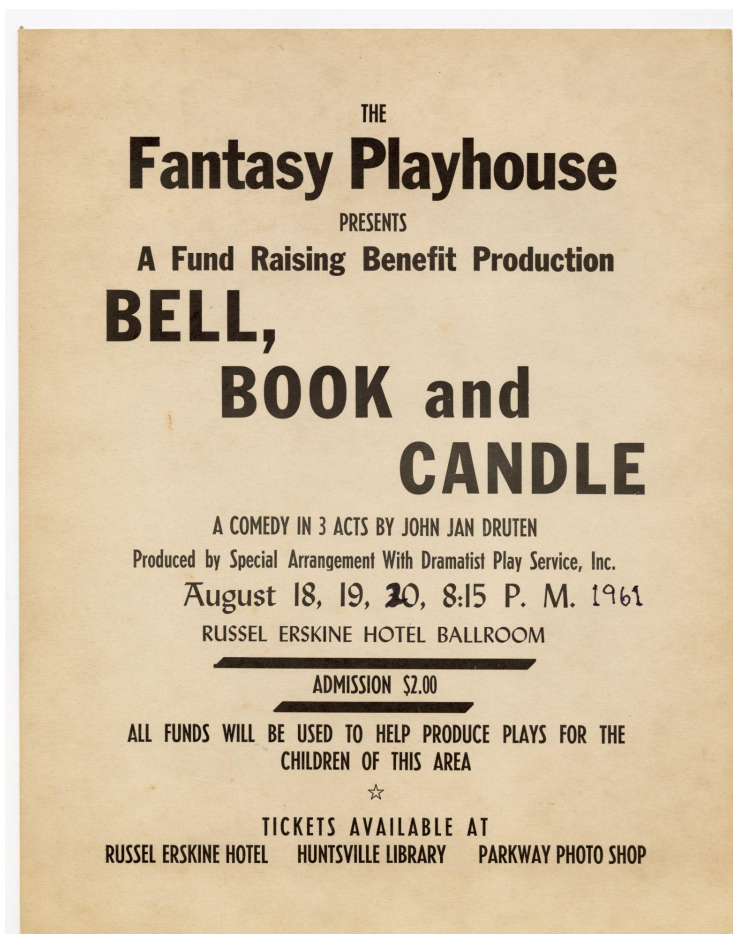
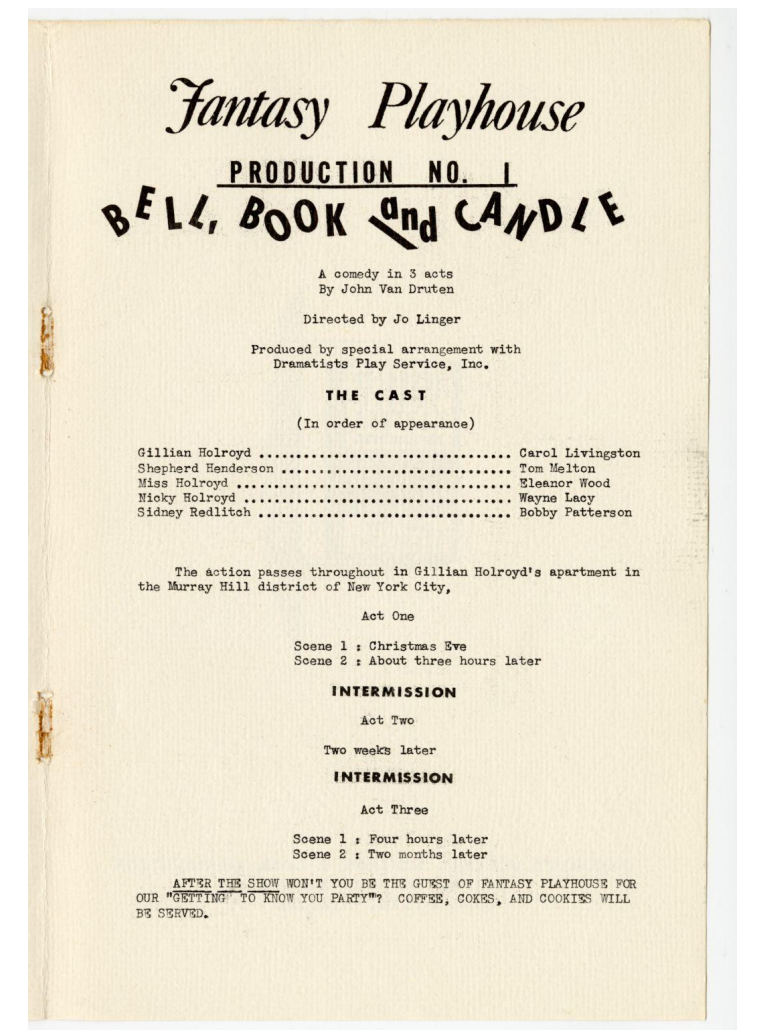
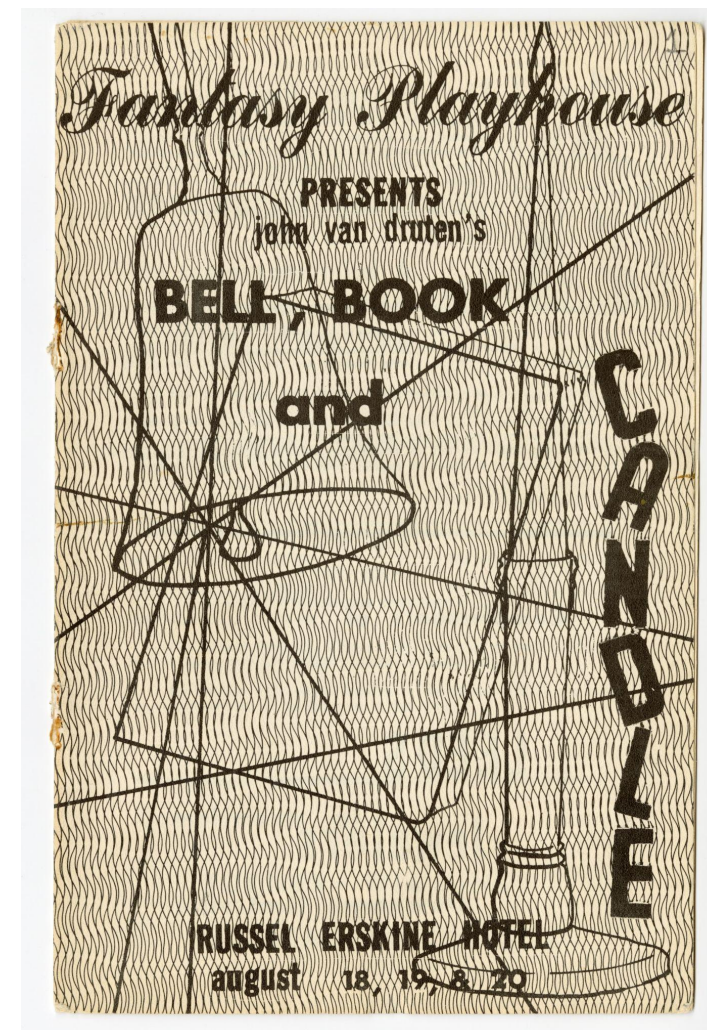


Introduction

- Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater's Goal
 - Provides opportunities for children and families to participate in theater.
- Project's Goal
 - Organize Documents and Preserves the history of Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater with the help of the Salmon Library.

Historical Background

- Little Theater's were established across the United States in the 1920's and were based on ideas derived from European Theatre.
- Huntsville Little Theatre began in the 1950's.
- Fantasy Playhouse was founded in 1961 by an offshoot group of Huntsville Little Theater who wanted to focus on children's theater.

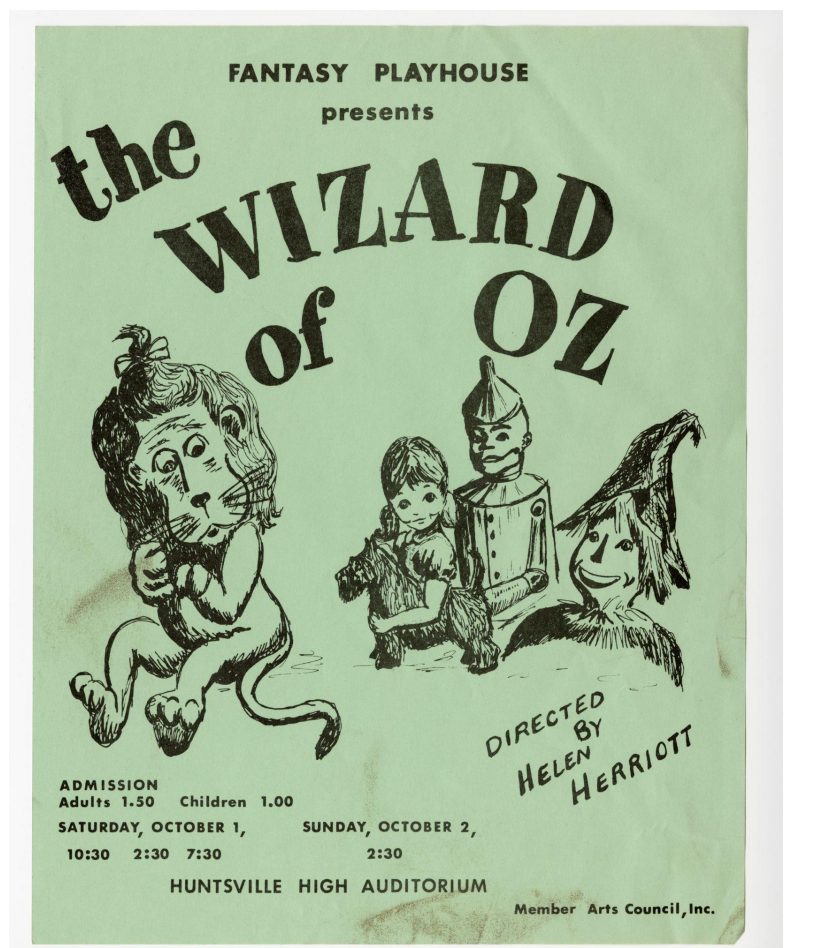


What I accomplished

- Organized and filled 5 boxes with important documents.
- Created a finding aid for the 5 boxes with Archive Space.
- Learned about how to preserve documents.
- Learned about the importance of preserving theater materials.

Impact

- Prompted Fantasy Playhouse to consider the arrangement and housing of their materials.
- Made the materials available to staff and the wider community as a whole.
- Created a system that will help them preserve these unique theater history documents for years to come.



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