

**Anthony M. LaRocca New Orleans Opera Scrapbook**

**1 box, 0.5 linear ft**

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## **Reference Code**

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## **Name and Location of Repository**

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## **Title**

Anthony M. LaRocca Opera Scrapbook

## **Date**

c. 1940-2003 (bulk 1950-1970)

## **Extent**

1 box, 0.5 linear ft

## **Name of Creator**

LaRocca, Anthony Martin, 1922 - 2011

## **Administrative/Biographical History**

Anthony M. LaRocca was a lifelong resident of New Orleans and frequent retreatant at Manresa, the Jesuit retreat center in Louisiana. LaRocca received a Purple Heart for his service as a Marine in World War II and then went on to work for Church Typewriter Service and St. Henry Church. LaRocca was an avid opera fan and memorabilia collector.

## **Scope and Content**

The Anthony M. LaRocca Opera Scrapbook contains autographed images and programs from famed opera singers, as well as newspaper clippings about New Orleans opera performances. Autographed images include Charles Anthony, Giuseppe Valdengo, Ferruccio Tagliavini, Tito Gobbi, Astrid Varnay, Sherrill Milnes, Giuseppe di Stefano, Eugene Conley, and Italo Tajo, among others. Autographed programs include performances by the New Orleans Opera Association (NOOA) and the Metropolitan Opera (on tour in New Orleans). A few press releases related to the singers' pictures are also included.

### **System of Arrangement**

This collection is comprised of one scrapbook. The contents of the scrapbook were removed and rehoused for preservation purposes, but left in their original order.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research use.

### **Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

This collection was transferred from the Loyola University School of Music.

### **Language and Scripts of the Material**

Collection is in English.

### **Processing Information**

Finding aid written by Elizabeth Kelly, 2017.

### **Sources Used**

Obituary of Anthony Martin LaRocca Sr., *Dignity Memorial*, 2011.

### **Related Archival Materials**

New Orleans Opera Association Archives, Collection 74, Special Collections & Archives, Monroe Library, Loyola University New Orleans

Boris Borodin and Maria Mayhoff Scrapbook, Collection 78, Special Collections & Archives, Monroe Library, Loyola University New Orleans

## **Container List**

### **Box Folder**

1	Scrapbook
1	Newspaper clippings about Franco Corelli and Luciano Pavarotti from New Orleans newspapers
2	Autographed photos, New Orleans Opera Association program autographed by Luciano Pavarotti
3	Autographed photos
4	Autographed programs
5	Autographed photos
6	Programs, press releases, and envelopes