

Every great city deserves a great university, and at every university's core is a great library.

The Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection

Building the Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection in UH Libraries Special Collections is an important priority for University of Houston, and UH Libraries. Located on campus, in the M.D. Anderson Library, the Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection is a primary focus of UH Libraries' strategic plan to build original & unique archival collections embodying the essence of our region, people, and economy.

Having recently announced the new Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts at UH, UH Libraries desires to build a strong archival and research collection to highlight its role as a leading player in the arts. At UH we believe in the transformative power of the arts and their ability to positively shape the world.



As such, the Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection represents a significant priority of the University of Houston and UH Libraries, supporting President Renu Khator's strategic goals of national competitiveness, student success, community advancement, resource competitiveness, and national and local recognition. It supports UH Libraries' core value of providing resources that promote and value diversity while reflecting the unique essence of our people and our region.

The Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection will serve the city and the McGovern College of the Arts to enrich and empower our students, community, and the world. In a diverse urban city, like Houston, every person's potential can be elevated and the economy fueled by simply having a leading public university library woven into the fabric of the community. A significant Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection captures the passions and emotions of artists as they investigate new ideas and explore cultural parameters that are important in shaping our understanding of the world.

Mission

The mission of the Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection is to foster high-impact scholarship and offer abundant and compelling resources that engage and empower the arts community.

We do this by building a unique and compelling collection of distinction that document the performers, industries, and social and cultural significance of the performing and visual arts. We build from the rich cultural heritage of the Houston region to encompass national and global impact. The Performing & Visual Arts Research Collection will bring national and international scholars to the University of Houston to research and publish within a wide array of arts related subjects, and attract top students, faculty and leaders

to Houston. Our mission supports the activities of our community while helping to fulfill UH's ability to educate creative leaders with a future vision that is grounded in awareness of the past.

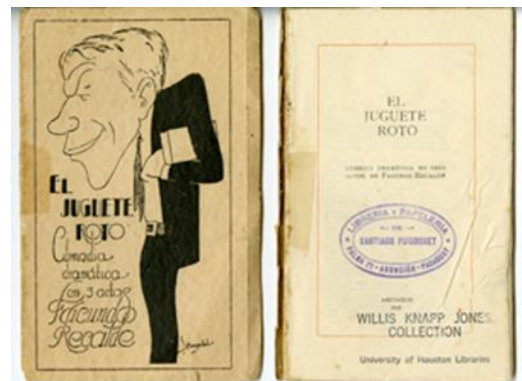
Vision

Our vision is to become a nationally renowned collection for research and study of the performing and visual arts. A collection reflective of the arts community in Houston will serve to document and further Houston's artistic legacy for future generations.

Initiatives

In support of this mission and vision, University of Houston Libraries is:

- Acquiring unique primary sources that document the activities of leading individuals and organizations in the Houston performing and visual arts community.
- Building upon new and long-time relationships with members of the community to centralize and make accessible a wide range of materials that focus on various areas of interest within the Houston performing and visual arts realm, such as the arts, politics, literature, and social services.
- Textualizing historical aspects of regional and national performing and visual arts by incorporating living archives, such as oral histories, of individuals and organizations residing in the Houston area.
- Developing presentations, programming, exhibits and digital assets in partnership with the arts community, area organizations, and campus units, such as the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, to enrich the academic and intellectual objectives of students, faculty, scholars, and lifelong learners.
- Providing unique and compelling resources with which to engage and empower the global community for impact on interdisciplinary research and knowledge creation.
- Digitizing collection materials to make them accessible to students, teachers, scholars, industry, and activists beyond the limits of print and the walls of the library onto the global stage.
- Creating on-line and on-site exhibits of print, archives, artifacts, and other collection materials to engage the public with the Performing and Visual Arts Research Collection.
- Engaging UH and community students from different disciplines to be a part of our archival, exhibition, digital scholarship, and research programs, providing those students with unique opportunities to gain experience and understanding of performing and visual arts history.
- Offering research fellowships for scholars to work in our unique, comprehensive collections.
- Organizing speakers and events that highlight our collections and programs.
- Securing and preserving our artistic legacy for future scholarship.



UH Libraries Performing and Visual Arts Research Collection embodies our unique local heritage. It serves to provide an outstanding documentary resource for teaching, learning, research, culture, and enterprise.

UH LIBRARIES VISION

A community nurtured by curiosity and creativity that drives lifelong learning and scholarship.

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