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Descriptive Summary

Title

Vittorio Furgeri Papers

Creator

Furgeri, Vittorio, 1931-

Extent

Number of containers: 1 archive carton
Linear feet: 0.25 linear foot

Date

1994

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

This collection contains materials on Furgeri's musical drama, *Al-Phonsine*; including synopses, a full copy of the piano-vocal score, a full copy of the libretto, and two copies of a compact disc recording of musical excerpts, all created and collected by contemporary composer Vittorio Furgeri. The musical drama is inspired by Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*, and depicts a young gay man who becomes one of the first victims of the AIDS epidemic of the 1980's.



Administrative Information

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Indexing Terms

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Furgeri, Vittorio, 1931-
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Biography

Vittorio Furgeri was born in 1931. He received a degree from the Conservatory of Rome in Italy and studied music at Columbia University after immigrating to the United States. He is a composer and arranger, who has also coached students in singing for more than twenty years.

Furgeri has published numerous pieces of vocal and instrumental music, in addition to theatrical music compositions, such as the scores for musicals—*Tough Kids* (1988) and *The Big Store* (1991). Furgeri has also written theatrical pieces that incorporate dance; his *Trilogy of Poe* (1986), *Coemeterium* (1986) and *Impressions on Mozart* (1990) are examples. *The Scream* (1987) is another of Furgeri's works; it is fully orchestrated and based on the painting of the same name by Edvard Munch. *Al-Phonsine (Il Traviato)* is his most recent completed work.

Vittorio Furgeri lives and works in New York City.

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Scope and Content and Container List

This collection relates to Furgeri's musical drama, *Al-Phonsine*, a "rock opera" that revolves around the last few years in the life of young gay man in the early 1980's. The story of *Al-Phonsine* was inspired by Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*. Al, the main character in *Al-Phonsine* is the male counterpart to the main character in *La Traviata*, Violetta. Tuberculosis was the cause of Violetta's death; AIDS is the disease to which Al eventually succumbs. *Al-Phonsine* is sometimes referred to by the author as *Al-Phonsine (Il Traviato)* as a tribute to this inspiration. The collection contains synopses of *Al-Phonsine*, a full copy of the piano-vocal score, a full copy of the libretto, and two copies of a compact disc recording of musical excerpts.

Box Folder

1	1-4	<i>Al-Phonsine</i> . 1994
1	1	Synopsis; description of CD contents (CDs themselves in 1:4).
1	2	Libretto and Synopsis.
1	3	Piano-Vocal Score and Synopsis.
1	4	Musical Excerpts and Comments on CD (2 copies).