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Arts Council of Worcester Collection

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : This collection contains meeting minutes, by-laws, correspondence and newspaper clippings for the Arts Council of Worcester, Inc., and especially the Committee for the Design and Construction of the Theater, covering the period from 1960 to 1970.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Donated by Edward D. Simsarian.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Arts Council of Worcester, Inc. was incorporated in July, 1966 as an advocacy and planning group for the building of a new theater and civic center in Worcester, Massachusetts. Ladd Plumley was the first chairman, with Richard Steele as the first president.

### **Scope and Content**

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## **Series Descriptions**

**Series 1: Governance Records:** By-laws dated 1966; Land Disposition Agreement dated 9/19/66-11/28/66; Meeting Minutes from the Executive Committee dated 5/26/67; Meeting Minutes from the Committee for Design and Construction of the Theater dated 2/16/66, 7/22/66, 8/30/66, 9/9/66, 10/26/66, 1/6/67, 5/26/67, 10/13/67, 6/11/68; informal lists of members.

**Series 2: Correspondence:** Correspondence mainly to and from Edward Simsarian Regarding research and plans for the building of the Worcester Center theater and adjacent buildings from December 20, 1965 to January 20, 1970.

**Series 3: Building Research Reports:** Mainly undated, informal reports on area theaters and capacity, attendance, proposals, program studies, floor plans. Includes theaters in Los Angeles and Baltimore. Dated reports from 12/13/67 and 9/8/69.

**Series 4: Newspaper Clippings:** News Clippings about the theater plans progress in Worcester, other theaters in the country (Los Angeles Pavilion, Milwaukee Art Center, etc.), and trends in the arts in general (publishing, dance, music concerts, etc.) dated 1960-1970. Contains 33 items.

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Series 1, Governance Records

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1996.156.1	Governance records including by-laws, meeting minutes, and informal lists of members.

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Series 2, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1996.156.2	Correspondence 1965-1966: letters, phone messages and memos
1	3	1996.156.2	Correspondence 1967-1970: letters, phone messages and memos

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Series 3, Building Research Reports

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1996.156.3	Mostly informal studies of existing halls and theaters.

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Series 4, Newspaper Clippings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1996.156.4	News clippings about the theater plans, arts in Worcester and other places. 33 items.