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Worcester Board of Motion Picture and
Theatre Review Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains meeting records, reports, correspondence, membership documents and by-laws relating to the Worcester Board of Motion Picture and Theatre Review.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Donated by Henry Ciborowski on behalf of the family of Antonia Wackell, secretary.

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

Historical/Biographical Notes

Beginning with some of the earliest exhibitions of motion pictures, there was public debate about the question of whether the motion picture industry was morally fit to control the content of its own product. As early as 1909, local Boards of Motion Picture Review sprang up around the country. These Boards quickly acquired a great deal of influence working closely with police and theater owners. Any and all movies needed to be approved by the Board before being shown. The records of the Worcester Board go back as early as 1919 and continue until 1952.

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Meeting Records, Member Lists, Reports and Correspondences

Series 2: Index Card Member Lists

Series 3: By-Laws, Standards and Rules For Previews

Series 4: Voting Ballots and Theater Reviews

Series 5: Membership Cards

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Series 1, Meeting Records, Membership lists, Reports and Correspondences

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1	1	2011.11.1.1	Meeting Notes (1927 – 1946)
1	2	2011.11.1.2-.32	Meeting Notes (1947 – 1949)
1	3	2011.11.1.33-.62	Meeting Notes (1949 – 1951)
1	4	2011.11.1.63-.90	Meeting Notes (1951 – 1953)

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Series 1, Index Card Membership Lists

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2011.11.2.1-104	Undated index cards listing members

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Series 3, By-Laws, Standards and Rules for Previews

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2011.11.3.1	By-laws, Standards and Previews (1919)
1	6	2011.11.3.2	By-laws, Standards and Previews (1926)
1	6	2011.11.3.3	By-laws, Standards and Previews (1931)
1	6	2011.11.3.4a-e	Constitution, Standards and Rules for Previews (1942)
1	6	2011.11.3.5	Standards (undated)

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Series 4, Voting Ballots and Theater Reviews

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2011.11.4.1-.24	Blank voting ballots and theater review cards.

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Series 5, Membership Cards

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1	8	2011.11.5.1-2	Two blank membership cards (1952)