

MARGUERITE PIAZZA PAPERS

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A native of New Orleans, Marguerite Piazza graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in music in June 1940. Apparently she then attended graduate school in music at Louisiana State University.

Following university study, Piazza began her career as a professional singer. Much of her early work, roughly from the mid-1940s to the early 1950s, was as an opera soprano. Her performances included stints with the New York City Opera and with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Afterwards, she performed in television, especially on NBC's Show of Shows, in theatre, in nightclubs, and in other forms of entertainment.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers originated roughly between 1939 and 1974, mainly between 1945 and 1960. They are arranged into two series based on types of material: Programs and Playbills; Photographs. Each series is then arranged chronologically.

These program guides and photographs document Marguerite Piazza's singing performances throughout the United States in operas, musicals, television, nightclubs, and other cultural forms.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I	Programs and Playbills. Folders 1-12. 1942-1961.
Subseries I-A	Programs for <u>Your Show of Shows</u> . Folders 1-3. 1952-1953. Weekly NBC television series, which regularly

featured Piazza. Chronological order.

Subseries I-B

Miscellaneous Programs and Playbills.

Folders 4-12. 1942-1961.

Piazza's performances throughout U.S.: operas, musicals, nightclubs, etc. Chronological order.

Series II

Photographs.

Folders 13-20. ca. 1939-1974 (mainly 1950s).

Almost entirely of Piazza performing. When available, dates and identification written on back of photograph. Rough chronological order.