

Brave New Play Rites fonds

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Fonds Description

Brave New Play Rites fonds. – 1989-2022.

71 cm of textual records and other materials.

Administrative History

The Brave New Play Rites festival began in 1986 under the initiative of UBC creative writing professor Bryan Wade. Wade sought a means for creative writing students to witness their theatrical works in front of a live audience and to become engaged in the theatrical process as a normal part of their coursework. Submitted plays were typically 20 minutes in length and student-authors were encouraged to participate in their play's production from attending rehearsals to selecting actors. Creative writing courses that have participated in the festival included CRWR 407 and CRWR 507.

Brave New Play Rites continues as an annual festival into the present and a number of notable writers such as Dennis E. Bolen, Stephanie Bolster, Maureen Medved among others have had their plays featured in the festival. Wade also edited a published collection of one-act plays featured in the festival, *Brave New Play Rites: Highlights plays from UBC's Creative Writing Department* (Anvil Press, 2006).

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of video recordings of various plays featured in the festival, photographs from some festival events and records pertaining to the administration of the festival. Administrative records take the form of promotional programs and posters, meeting minutes, agendas, memorandum, calendars, budgets, reports, newspaper clippings, notes, correspondence, handbooks, and some play scripts.

Notes

Title based on the content of the fonds.

Other materials include 7 Hi8 Video Cassettes, 14 VHS Cassettes, and 30 photographic prints.

See the [Creative Writing Department fonds inventory](#) for materials related to this fonds and for an overview of the department.

Copyright for creative works in the fonds is held by the authors.

File list available.

Some offensive language, such as a derogatory term for a member of the LGBTQ+ community, are present in the titles of student works within this fonds.

Series Descriptions

Administrative Series. – 1989-2022.

71 cm of textual records.

Series consists of textual materials created in order to run and promote the Brave New Play Rites festivals. Some folders were organized into a clear administrative folder that contains relevant records for one year, such as in 1994, while other materials were more interspersed in order by the creator. A significant majority of the materials are promotional in nature and include posters for the festival in addition to printed programs for each year. The titles and authors of student plays are often available in the programs. Other types of records included in this series are meeting minutes, agendas, memorandum, calendars, budgets, reports, newspaper clippings, notes, correspondence, handbooks and some play scripts.

Photographs Series. – 1989-1991.

30 photographs.

Series consists of thirty photographs in black and white or color. Fifteen of the color photographs are adhered to poster board as a collage for the 1993 festival. Photographs depict different scenes from Brave New Play Rites productions in addition to “back stage” images of actors participating in plays.

Performance Recordings Series. – 1990-1997.

7 Hi8 Cassettes.

14 VHS Cassettes.

Series consists of 21 video tapes that depict plays featured in various Brave New Play Rites festivals.

File List

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERIES

- 1-1 [Brave New Play Rites Accession Information], 2022
- 1-2 [Play Programs:] "Undressed", "Wide Water", and "The Chalk Player", 1995
- 1-3 [Notes, Correspondence, and Clippings], 1999
- 1-4 [Promotional Cards], [n.d.]
- 1-5 [Program] "The Wolf Within" at The New Play Centre, 1989
- 1-6 Hilites Program, 1990
- 1-7 Brave New '92 [Receipts, Correspondence, Notes and Forms], 1992
- 1-8 The Ubyyssey, Vol. 75, No. 32, 1993
- 1-9 Sing Me to Sleep Prompt Book, 2002
- 1-10 [Schedule and UBC Memo], 2002
- 1-11 Brave New '97 Programs (my notes), 1997
- 1-12 Material for '98 Brave New Handbook, 1998
- 1-13 Playwright Evaluations, 1995
- 1-14 Brave New Programs/handbills etc., 1996
- 1-15 Brave New Release Forms, 1996
- 1-16 Brave New [Notes, Correspondence and Schedules], 1995-1996
- 1-17 Brave New/Arts Fest Budget, 1996
- 1-18 Grad Play Unit Bank Account, 1997
- 1-19 Play Reading List – Creative Writing, [n.d.]
- 1-20 Student Accomplishments, 1995
- 1-21 Nov. Festival, 1997
- 1-22 Student Accomplishments, 1997-1998

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- 2-1 Brave New '96 Notes, 1996
- 2-2 Brave New, 1997
- 2-3 "Cowgirl Jane" by Sherry MacDonald [Script], 1999
- 2-4 Brave New Play Rites [Budgets, Minutes, Notes, Forms], 1993-1994
- 2-5 Cast Confirmation, 2003
- 2-6 BNPR – Current [Technical Manual, Lists, Schedule and Fact Sheet], 2003
- 2-7 [Scripts, Various Authors], 2005
- 2-8 [Scripts, Various Authors], 2003 [n.d.]
- 2-9 [Scripts, Various Authors], 2003-2004

- 2-10 Brave New Scripts, n.d.
- 2-11 BNPR Originals – Forms, 2002
- 2-12 [Administrative Folder: Memos, Reports and Correspondence], 1994

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- 3-1 [Administrative Folder: Minutes, Agendas, Notes, Reports], 1995
- 3-2 [Administrative Folder: Reports, Program and Box Office], 1997
- 3-3 [Program] 30 Years of Work, March 17-20, 2016
- 3-4 Programs, 2013-2015
- 3-5 Programs, 2011-2012
- 3-6 Programs, 2010
- 3-7 Program, 2008-2009
- 3-8 Program, 2003-2004
- 3-9 Program, February 1995
- 3-10 Program, 1991-1992
- 3-11 Program, March 1990
- 3-12 Program, February 8-12, 1989
- 3-13 Program, February 12-15, 1988
- 3-14 Program, [n.d.]
- 3-15 [Brave New Play Rites Play Group Information]
- 3-16 [Clippings], [n.d.]
- 3-17 "Yellow on Thursdays" a play for adolescents by Sara Graefe, 1997

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- 4-1 Brave New Scripts, Staged Readings?, 2010
- 4-2 More Scripts for Brave New Fest, 2008
- 4-3 [Brave New Play Rite Scripts, various authors], 2011-2013
- 4-4 Brave New Production Scripts Complete, 2010
- 4-5 Brave New [Play Rites], 2009
- 4-6 [Brave New Play Rites Posters and Programs], 2011
- 4-7 Final Draft Brave New Scripts, 2008

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- 5-1 [Calendar, Correspondence, Form and Introduction to Festival], [1999, 2004 and n.d.]
- 5-2 [Correspondence, Advertisements and Administrative Materials], 1991, 1995, 2006, 2013

- 5-3 Meeting Materials and Correspondence, 2017-2018
- 5-4 BNPR Agendas, Budgets, Notes and Other Meeting Materials, 2018-2019, 2003
- 5-5 Programs, 1992
- 5-6 Programs, 2017-2018
- 5-7 Programs, 2022
- 5-8 Complete Packet of BNPR Scripts for, 2022
- 5-9 Live Shows BNPR [Scripts], 2022
- 5-10 Stage Readings BNPR [Scripts], 2022
- 5-11 [Brave New Play Rite Scripts, Various Authors], 2010-2011

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PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

- UBC 195.1/1 [unidentified], 2 color photographs, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/2 [unidentified], 1 color photographs, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/3 "Thanksgiving" by Larry Anthony, 1 color photograph, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/4 "Just for the Ride" by Cathy Stonehouse, 1 color photograph, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/5 "Artaud in Hell" by John Hudson, 1 color photograph, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/6 "This Way Out" by John Stefanivk, 1 color photograph, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/7 "Chainsaw" by John Finlay, 2 color photographs, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/8 "Ice" by Rudy Thompson, 1 color photograph, 10 x 15cm, 1989
- UBC 195.1/9 [unidentified], 9 color photographs, 10 x 15cm, 1990
- UBC 195.1/10 A Scene From "Birthmarks" by Trevor Paetkau, 1 b&w photograph, 13 x 18cm, 1991
- UBC 195.1/11 A Scene From "Don't Argue with Bill" by Tracy Johnson, 1 b&w photograph, 13 x 18 cm, 1991
- UBC 195.1/12 A Scene From "Chow Baby" by Tiffany Stone, 1 b&w photograph, 13 x 18cm, 1991
- UBC 195.1/13 A Scene From "Urban Shipwreck" by Jaan Kalk, 1 b&w photograph, 13 x 18cm, 1991
- UBC 195.1/14 A Scene From "There Are Worse Places to Be" by Rodger Cove, 1 b&w photograph, 13 x 18cm, 1991

PERFORMANCE RECORDINGS SERIES

Video

- UBC VT 3158 Brave New Play Rites Master #1, "Compromising Compromises", "The Backbone", "X-Must", "Samuel and the Lady", [approx. 120 minutes], Video 8 Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3159 Brave New Play Rites Master #2, "Boxcar Clues", "Dreaming of Icarus", "Trading Fours", "Jails, Institutions and Death", "Foreplay", [approx. 120 minutes], Video 8 Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3160 Brave New Play Rites Master #3, "Wait for the Tone/Crystal Ball", "Around the Block", "The Game of Life", "The River", "Mosaic Baseballs", "The Wager", [approx. 120 minutes], Video 8 Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3161 Brave New Play Rites, program A second half, Hi8 Cassette, [approx. 120 minutes], 1997
- UBC VT 3162 Brave New Play Rites, program B second half, Hi8 Cassette, [approx. 120 minutes], 1997
- UBC VT 3163 Brave New Play Rites, program A first half, Hi8 Cassette, [approx. 120 minutes], 1997
- UBC VT 3164 Brave New Play Rites, program B first half, Hi8 Cassette, [approx. 120 minutes], 1997
- UBC VT 3165 Brave New Play Rites Master #1, "Compromising Compromises" by Wanda Chow, "The Backbone" by Clark Antonich, "X-Must" by Brian Peterson, "Samuel and the Lady" by Chloe Bains, [approx. 120 minutes], VHS Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3166 Brave New Play Rites Master #2, "Boxcar Clues" by Vigeland Rubin, "Dreaming of Icarus" by W Taien Ng, "Trading Fours" by Jim King, "Jails, Institutions and Death" by Carolyn Grant, "Foreplay" by Sina Queyras, [approx. 120 minutes], VHS Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3167 Brave New Play Rites Master #3, "Wait for the Tone/Crystal Ball" by Laverne Adams, "Around the Block" by Daniel Davidson, "The Game of Life" by Nellie Villegas, "The River" by Tom McKearn, "Mosaic Baseballs" by David Wright, "The Wager" by Stephen Raschke, [approx. 120 minutes], VHS Cassette, 1990
- UBC VT 3168 Brave New Play Rites, "House Hoppers", "Subversive Conscience", "Don't Argue With Bill", "Bowl With Green Trim", "Snake Dance", "There Are Worse Places To Be", [approx. 120 minutes], VHS Cassette, 1991

- UBC VT 3169 Brave New Play Rites, "Dykes and Oranges", "Subversive Conscience", "Voyeur" (incomplete), "Plus Que Ca Change", "Chow Baby", VHS Cassette, 1991
- UBC VT 3170 Brave New Play Rites, "Out of the Woods", "Chow Baby", "Birthmarks", "Six Days", "Urban Shipwreck", "Plus Que Ca Change", VHS Cassette, 1991
- UBC VT 3171 Brave New Play Rites, "Bachelor of Arts", "Headlines", "Parental Guidance", "Bunnykins", "Embers", VHS Cassette, 1992
- UBC VT 3172 Brave New Play Rites, "A Rose by Any Other Name", "Routine Questioning", "Necessary Comforts", "Trial of Woman", "Ankle Bracelet", "Something Clicked", VHS Cassette, 1992
- UBC VT 3173 Brave New Play Rites, "Inspirations", "Semi-Conscious", "The Huntress", "Total Eclipse of the Sun", "TV Dinner", "Mourning Escape", VHS Cassette, 1992
- UBC VT 3174 Brave New Play Rites '96, "A Train Through Las Cruce", "World Without End", "They're Just Brine Shrimp", "The Tibetan Ponies", "Life of the Party", "Leaf", "Fistfight with God", VHS Cassette, 1996
- UBC VT 3175 Brave New Play Rites '96, "Turkey Baster Method", "Angels in the Laundromat", "Fool's Epitaph", "Dummy", "Broken Glass", "Shave At Least", "May and Anne Cecilia's Wave", VHS Cassette, 1996
- UBC VT 3176 UBC Plays, "1. The Nan Sketches", "2. Thanksgiving", "3. The Fishing Boat", "4. Jigger", "5. This Way Out", "6. Tangled Webs", "7. Ice", "8. Artaud in Hell", 1 hour and 48 minutes, VHS Cassette, [n.d.]
- UBC VT 3177 [Brave New Play Rites], "1. Beach Blindness Bingo", "2. Best Friends", "3. Trick or Treat", "4. Secret Dances", 101 minutes, VHS Cassette, [n.d.]
- UBC VT 3178 Brave New Play Rites, Program B, [approx. 120 minutes], VHS, 1997

BOX 6

ADMINISTRATIVE SERIES Cont.

Posters

- 6-1 [Poster], Brave New Play Rites, [n.d.]
 [Poster] The Best of Brave New Play Rites, [n.d.]
 [Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 1990
 [Poster], Revenge of the Brave New Play Rites, [1990?]
 [Poster], Brave New Play Rites, [1997]

[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, [2001]
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2004
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2005
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2008
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2009
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2010
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2011
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, [2012]
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2015 [laminated]
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2016
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2017
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2019
[Poster], Brave New Play Rites, 2020

Over-size storage

[Poster] Brave New Play Rites, 2014 [mounted on foam-board]
[Poster] Brave New Play Rites, [1998] [mounted on foam-board]
[Posters] Brave New Play Rites, 1992, [1993] [2 posters mounted together on foam-board]

PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES Cont.

[Photo Collage from 1993 Festival], 15 color photographs, 15 x 10 cm and smaller, 1993