



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	La Mama Theatre
ACCESSION NO	1979.0143, 1981.0094
CATEGORY	Culture and the Arts, organisations
ACTIVITY	Theatres
DATE RANGE	1978-1979
SIZE OF COLLECTION	4 boxes (0.68 m)
HISTORICAL NOTE	Named after the off-Broadway theatre in New York, La Mama was established in Carlton, Melbourne by Betty Burstall in 1967 for avant-garde theatre, music, poetry readings, improvisations and screenings of new films. In 1977 Liz Jones was appointed artistic director and administrator of the theatre.
DATE OF TRANSFER	1979, 1981
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted
DESCRIPTION	Administrative and Production Files
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
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DATE	2011

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1	1	Savage Sepia Author Lynne B. Williams Director Kathy Mueller Designers Yvonne Hockey, Brigita Strods Original Music Rosanne Hull-Brown Script, Press Cuttings La Mama	Feb 1978
	2	La Mama Music Mark Gillespie, Chris Mann, James Clayden Poster How Are You Feeling Author/Director Michael Mitchener Script, Poster, Press Cuttings La Mama (Also part of Adelaide Festival 25 Feb to 5 Mar 1978)	Frid 3 Mar 1978 Sat 4 Mar- Sun 5 Mar 1978 9 Mar -2 Apr 1978 Late show 17 Mar
	3	Stingray Play Author/Director Sun Rings (Val Kirwan) Program, Press Cuttings La Mama	Apr 1978
	4	Men's Business Author Franz Xavier Kroetz Poster, Press Cutting La Mama	23 Mar- 2 April Supper Show
1	5	The Bloody Terror of Dentistry The Horror of Nature Strips Author/Director Barry Dickins Scripts, Poster, Program, Press Cuttings La Mama La Mama Late Show Music David Brown, Jim Clayden, Chris Knowles, David Wadelton Poster	Thur 4 May 1978 2 week season Frid 19 May 1978
	6	Gents Author/Director Keith Gallasch Designer Michael Geissler Troupe Production Script, Poster, Program, Press Cuttings La Mama (Also in Adelaide Red Shed Apr 20-May 13 1978)	Thur 18 May-Sun 28 May 1978
	7	Blood Brothers Author Ian Nash Director Karen Scott-Watson Script, Poster, Program, Press Cuttings	2- 18 June 1978 Supper Show 10 June 1978

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	10	<p>Tribute to Harry Hooton. Creative Arts Fellowship Project ANU by the Cantrills Text of the film, Program Notes</p> <p>La Mama 'pieces' At Home, At Home Solo performance by Lyndal Jones Poster, Review article</p> <p>La Mama 'pieces' Guitar Music Chris Freeman Platform Contemporary music ensemble with new Australian music Arranged Ken Guntar</p> <p>Film at La Mama Series Poster; Newspaper Advertisement Film and dance 3 films about performance and film Creator Lisa Roberts Fusion: Movement/Music/Words Creators Margaret Norwood, Kim Bessant, John Jenkins Rose Dance Rosemary Simons Program notes</p> <p>Film at La Mama Touching The Earth A cycle of recent films with landscape as the subject World premiere of film trilogy: At Uluru (1975/77); Katatjuta (1975/77 and Ocean At Point Lookout (1976/77) Film creators Corinne and Arthur Cantrill Program Notes</p> <p>Film at La Mama Women on film: Margaret – At Seventeen a Beauty Queen and Pauses Creator Monique Schwarz A Woman of Our Time Creator Peter Tammer</p>	<p>Late Show Fri 1 Sept- Sat 2 Sept 1978</p> <p>Thu 7 Sept- Sun 10 Sept 1978</p> <p>Thur 14 Sept 1978</p> <p>Thur 14 Sept 1987</p> <p>Sept 1978</p> <p>Frid 22 Sept 1978</p> <p>Sat 23 Sept 1978</p> <p>Sun 24 Sept 1978</p>
	11	<p>Neo Kyma (New wave) Ethnic music program Wednesday nights at La Mama Performers and Coordinators: Christos and Tassos Ioannides Press Review</p>	Sept 1978

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1	12	The Zoo Story Author Edward Albee Director John Wolf Designer Mark Prytz Followed by Jazz Concert by Mama Koustic Exhibition of Paintings by Kevin Cox Poster, Program notes, Press Reviews, Newspaper Ads La Mama	Fri 29 Sept- Sun 15 Oct 1978
1	13	The Spalding Family Album: Forget Me Not and alternating Esther II Author Colin Ryan Producer, Director, Designer Robert Chuter Presented by Everyman's Theatre Scripts, Poster, Review, Program, Newspaper Ads La Mama	Thu 19 Oct- Sat 11 Nov 1978 Fri 20 Oct-Sun 12 Nov 1978
	14	Arts Bounce Back A cosmorama of music, movement and words Presented by Trio de formes: John Jenkins, Margaret Norwood, Kim Bessant Poster and Program La Mama	Fri 24 Nov-Sun 26 Nov 1978
	15	Gross Parodies Author Cliff Kelsall Choreography Katei Brinson Poster and Script La Mama	Thu 30 Nov- Sun 16 Dec 1978
		Series Title: Production Files	1979
2	16	The Castaways Author, Director, Producer Denis Oram Kairos and Chronos Author, Director, Producer Daniel Kahans Scripts, Reviews, Program, Newspaper Ads, complimentary tickets list, financial statement letter from Liz Jones, prior performance program. La Mama	Thu 8 Feb- Sun 18 Feb 1979 Double Bill
	17	Bridal Suite Author Barry Dickins Director Reg Evans Performer Jill Foster Poster, Program notes, Script, Press Reviews, Newspaper Ad La Mama	Thu 22 Feb- Sun 11 Mar 1979
2	18	SKELTA A trio of plays Self Accusations: Author Peter Handke Your Children: Extract Charles Manson's Defence Statement The Rock Garden: Author Sam Shepard	22 Feb-3 Mar 1979 Late Show Pram Factory 15-18 Mar; 23-25

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		Devised and performed: Ian Campbell, Daniel Keane, Rhonda Wilson, Beverley Ainsbet Posters, Script (Manson), Reviews	Mar 1979 La Mama
2	19	Visibility, Visibility Creator James Clayden Poster La Mama	Fri 30 Mar- Sun 1 Apr 1979
	20	Lolly day Author, Director Malcolm Purcell Performer Graham Duckett Designer Greg Baxter Poster, Program, Review, Newspaper Ad, Publicity notes La Mama	Thu 5 Apr- Sun 22 Apr 1979
	21	Closing Down Creator James Clayden Poster La Mama FOR TONIGHT (UN-DEAD) Creator James Clayden Poster La Mama	Fri 4 & 11 Apr 1979 Late Show Fri 25 May – 1 Jun 1979 Late Show
	22	Ad Hoc Devised and performed James Clayden, Chris Knowles, David Waderton Posters La Mama	Fri 6 Apr, 13 Apr, 20 April 1979 16, 17, 18 Nov 1979
	23	Out of Our Father's House Arrangement by Eve Merriam, Paula Wagner, Jack Hofsiss Director Peter Rose Music Ruth Crawford Seeger Program, Reviews, Newspaper Ads, Script La Mama	Thurs 27 Apr – Sun 13 May 1979
	24	Two Tigers Author Brian McNeill Director Robert Chuter Everyman's Theatre Collective Program, Poster, Reviews, Script, Publicity material La Mama	Thurs 17 May- Sun 3 June 1979
	25	On the Road Again 3 rd in At Home series Devised and performed by Lyndal Jones Series financed by Theatre Board Australia Council Letter of invitation Liz Jones, Poster La Mama	Thurs 7 – Sun 10 June 1979

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2	26	Run, Run Away Author Robert Kimber Director John Wolf Australian Premiere Poster, Reviews, Script, Letter from Director re La Mama funding La Mama	14 June – 24 June 1979
2	27	July Events at La Mama The point isn't to tell you Co-Author /Director Jenny Kemp Co author/performer Rob Meldrum Presented by Stasis Poster, Reviews, Script, Space to Move, An Exchange Devised and performed Bev Geldard, Judith Raphael Program, Poster, Script/production notes In the Suburbs of Your Pleasure Author Jessica de Siso Director Michael Pattinson Program, Poster, Script Up-Side-Down Musical event devised and performed Chris Knowles Flyer	Thurs 5 July-Sun 8 July 1979 Thurs 12 July – Sun 15 July 1979 Thurs 12 July – Sun 15 July 1979 Late Show Fri 20 July-Sat 28 July 1979 Late Show
	28	The Anguish of Departure Presented by Skelter Author and Director Graham Henderson Program, Posters, Reviews, Script La Mama	Wed 18 July-Sun 29 July 1979
	29	Nothing More to Say Devised and directed Lloyd Jones Music Bruce McNicol Program notes, Poster, Reviews, La Mama	Fri 3 Aug-Sun 12 Aug 1979
	30	Chimera Author and Director Colin Ryan Program, Poster, Reviews, Script/production notes, Publicity material La Mama	Thurs 16 Aug-Sun 2 Sept 1979
2	31	Calling for Help Author Peter Handke Director Lindy Davies	August 1979

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		Presented by Victorian College of the Arts Program, Poster, Reviews, La Mama and Pram Factory (September Author	
3	32	The Art of Lobster Whistling Author and Director Valium K (Val Kirwan) Presented by Sweet Knees Program, Poster, Reviews, Script/production notes, La Mama	Fri 7 Sept- Sun 30 Sept 1979
	33	An Example of the Dead Heart Written and performed James Clayden Program, notes, Poster La Mama	Fri 5 Oct-Sun 14 Oct 1979
	34	A Clean Sweep & Ground Rules A comedy double-bill Author Leonard Radic Director Malcolm Robertson Program, Poster, Reviews, Script, letters (Liz Jones, Malcolm Robertson, Len Radic), CVs, La Mama	Thurs 18 Oct-Sun 11 Nov 1979
	35	Car Crash at OK Corral Author and director Daniel Keene Performed by Skelter Program, Poster, Reviews, Script, Letter of invitation La Mama	Thurs 22 Nov-Sun 2 Dec 1979
3	36	Two Plays End to End "An Absurdity" Author Denis Oram Counterspaces in Multimedia on Motherdaughterlove Creator Daniel Kahans Program, Posters, Reviews, Scripts, Notes, list of complimentary tickets La Mama <i>1979 Production Files completed 7 Oct. 2011</i>	Thurs 6 Dec-Sun 23 Dec 1979
		Series Title: Administration Files	1978-1979
4	37	Correspondence General Correspondence, insurance receipts, La Mama newsletters, correspondence received and sent, production proposal letters. Some miscellaneous press clippings.	13 Jan 1978-28 Dec 1978
	38	Correspondence Funding correspondence. Australia Council and	3 Jan 1978-8 Dec 1978

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		Ministry For The Arts, Victoria; applications, audits, reports, acknowledgement of funding and general correspondence between La Mama and funding organizations.	
4	39	Correspondence General Correspondence, insurance receipts, La Mama newsletters, correspondence received and sent, production proposal letters, flyers for La Mama shows and non La Mama shows and copy of Perambulator; July 1979.	6 Feb 1979-17 Dec 1979
	40	Correspondence Funding correspondence. Australia Council and Ministry For The Arts, Victoria; applications, audits, reports, letters of acceptance, acknowledgement of funding and general correspondence between La Mama and funding organizations.	3 Jan 1979-21 Dec 1979
	41	Financial La Mama Theatre Box Office book. Nightly takings and salaries.	8 Feb 1979-23 Dec 1979

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