



**Bethlehem Area Public Library  
Local History Collections**

**Grand Opera House Programs Collection, 1901-1902**

<b>Title:</b>	Grand Opera House Programs Collection
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1901-1902
<b>Extent:</b>	.1 linear feet
<b>Abstract:</b>	This small collection consists of 64 (some are in duplicate) programs for Grand Opera House performances during the 1901-1902 season.
<b>Access to Materials:</b>	The collection is open to researchers in the Bethlehem Room.
<b>Copyright:</b>	There are no copyright restrictions for this collection.
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**History of the Grand Opera House in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

The first opera house in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania known as Hildenberger's was destroyed by a fire in 1874. Two years later, Abraham Yost built a new opera house which was short-lived, burning to the ground in 1884. Given the great demand for live entertainment in the city, Wilbur's Theater, also known as the Fountain Hill Opera House was opened in 1888. A short time later, it was renamed the Grand Opera House and survived another half century as the Globe Theater.

For more information about the Grand Opera House, please see Yates, W. Ross, ed., *Bethlehem of Pennsylvania: The Golden Years 1841-1920* (Bethlehem: Bethlehem Book Committee, 1976), 101-102.

**Collection Scope and Contents**

This small collection consists of 64 (some are in duplicate) programs for Grand Opera House performances during the 1901-1902 season. The programs are glued to large sheets of paper, four programs to a page, double-sided. It appears that the programs were once part of a scrapbook, but the pages have since been removed. There is no apparent order to the programs, but the container list provides dates for most of the performances. Programs include cast of characters, scene and music details. Since the programs are glued onto paper, it is difficult to read the verso side. Most likely, they are advertisements for local sponsors of the productions.

**Index Terms**

The Grand Opera House Programs Collection is indexed under the following terms in the Bethlehem Area Public Library Catalog.

## Subjects

Opera—programs.  
Theater.

### Container List:

<u>Performance</u>	<u>Date</u>
"The Vermont Girl"	November 14, 1901
"The Queen of Chinatown"	November 16, 1901
"Bimbo of Bombay"	November 20, 1901
"The Hottest Coon in Dixie"	November 21, 1901
"The Heart of Chicago"	November 25, 1901
"Faust"	November 26, 1901
"The Village Parson"	November 28, 1901
"Down on the Farm"	November 30, 1901
"Niobe"	December 3, 1902
"Man and Master"	December 5, 1902
"A Breezy Time"	December 12, 1901
"Our New Minister"	n.d.
"The Sign of the Crucifix"	n.d.
"Joshua Simpkins"	December 19, 1901
"La Belle Russe"	December 31, 1901
"The Eleventh Hour"	January 1, 1902
"On the Suwanee River"	January 9, 1902
John W. Vogel's Big Minstrels	January 10, 1902
"A Million a Minute"	n.d.
"Gus Cohan"	January 13, 1902
"Roxana's Claim"	January 14, 1902
"When London Sleeps"	January 27, 1902
"The Little Mam'selle"	January 29, 1902
"The Garrison Girl"	n.d.
"My Friend from India"	February 4, 1902
"Shelter Bay"	
"Strange Adventures of Miss Brown"	February 7, 1902
"Hogan's Alley"	February 10, 1902
"A Bunch of Keys"	February 13, 1902
"Human Hearts"	February 14, 1902
"Jesse James"	February 15, 1902
"Cardinal Richelieu"	February 19, 1902
"Uncle Tom's Cabin"	February 20, 1902
"Our New Minister"	February 25, 1902
"A Country Kid"	February 27, 1902
"Uncle's Holiday"	February 28, 1902
"A Silent Partner"	
"Dangers of Paris"	March 5, 1902

"The Wrong Mr. Wright"	March 7, 1902
"The Bowery Burlesquers"	March 8, 1902
"The Princess of Patches"	
"The Man of Mystery"	March 18, 1902
"Reaping the Whirlwind"	March 19, 1902
"An American Heiress"	
Culhane, Chace & Weston's Minstrels	March 20, 1902
"Pudd'nhead Wilson"	March 21, 1902
"Caught in the Web"	March 24, 1902
"Rip Van Winkle"	March 31, 1902
"Put Me Off at Buffalo"	April 1, 1902
"The Professor's Courtship"	April 4, 1902
"A Stranger in a Strange Land"	April 5, 1902
"Dot Karrol Co."	April 7, 1902
"The Fem Seminary"	April 12, 1902
"The Corner Grocery"	n.d.
"Jatzenjammer Kids"	April 24, 1902
"The Heart of Maryland"	April 30, 1902
"Convict's Daughter"	May 1, 1902
"The Fatal Wedding"	n.d.
"Pawn Ticket 210"	n.d.