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## Public Library to Now House Opera Archives **Premiere Exhibit of *Highlights from the Cincinnati Opera Archives* at the Main Library (June 13 – October 2)**

On June 27, 1920, Cincinnati Opera Association began its life as the second oldest opera company in the United States with a sold-out performance of *Martha*. For over 50 years, the Opera performed at the Cincinnati Zoo Pavilion and, at its peak, offered 18 productions, over 61 performances, in a ten-week season. In 1972, Cincinnati Opera moved from the Zoo Pavilion to its present venue, Music Hall. Over the years, a number of famous opera singers frequented the stage: Plácido Domingo, Norman Treigle, Beverly Sills, Sherrill Milnes, James Morris, and Barbara Daniels, to name a few.

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The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County is proud to announce that it now houses the archives of the Cincinnati Opera, previously maintained by the Cincinnati Historical Society. To celebrate this honor and showcase some of the Opera's treasures, the Art & Music Department at the Main Library (800 Vine Street) will present *Highlights from the Cincinnati Opera Archives*. To coincide with the 2007 season opening, the exhibit, which features a variety of the archive's contents (including photographs of the many great opera stars who once performed here) opens on June 13 and will be on view through October 2.

The archives include photographs, programs, scrapbooks, posters, articles, publicity, and many more materials from the years 1883 through 1994. The Library will continue to add to the collection as items become available from the Opera. The Cincinnati Opera archives are available at any time through the Main Library's Art & Music Department. To learn more, search the Library's catalog for Cincinnati Opera Archives (782.109771 C5742 Archives Box 001) or ask to see Cincinnati Opera, 1883-1994 (782.109771 qC5742Zm 1995), a catalog detailing the contents. The Art & Music Department also maintains bound copies of the Opera programs (Cincinnati Opera, 782.101 qC574), as well as an index to all seasons, operas, and performers.

**About Cincinnati Opera** - Cincinnati Opera, the second oldest opera company in the U.S., presents a thrilling roster of world-class artists and conductors, significant company debuts, stunning sets and costumes, and the spectacular Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The 2007 Summer Festival is made possible with support from season presenting sponsor National City and the Fine Arts Fund, Ohio Arts Council, City of Cincinnati, and many generous foundations, corporations, and individual donors. Delta Air Lines is the official airline of Cincinnati Opera. Seta Music is the official piano supplier for Cincinnati Opera. The 2007 Summer Festival runs June 14 through July 31 and features *Faust*, *Così Fan Tutte*, *Nixon in China*, and *Aida*. For more information visit [www.cincinnatiopera.org](http://www.cincinnatiopera.org).