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Summary Information

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Extent	4.5 linear feet (6 boxes)
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Abstract	Laurie Wagman is a Philadelphia native and founder of the American Family Theater (TAFY), which has become one of the predominant children's theater organizations in the United States, helping to bring an educational arts experience to vast audiences. This collection shows Wagman's body of work, mainly through the many productions of the American Family Theater.

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Biography/History

Laurie Wagman—a Philadelphia native—is the Founder and President of American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc. (TAFY) as well as its division, American Family Theater, which have been presenting professional theater productions to school aged children for over four decades. Serving as a cultural and curricular bridge between students and teachers, American Theater Arts for Youth has developed into one of the foremost artistic education organizations in the United States. Wagman has been the recipient of numerous awards for her achievements on behalf of young people, including citations from the City of Philadelphia and the Freedoms Foundation. In addition, Laurie Wagman has served on the boards for the Opera Company of Philadelphia, the Creative Glass Center, and the National Theater Alliance.

Scope and Contents

This collection displays Wagman's breadth of work through the American Family Theater (TAFY), covering a wide range of material from press releases, news articles, season catalogs, promotional materials, and even a book of holiday songs for children composed by Wagman. Most notable are the extensive materials from the performances given by the American Family Theater. These records include study guides, scripts, musical scores, photographs, production notes, and recordings of over forty unique productions, each produced by Laurie Wagman. In addition, business records and publications from Broadway on Tour—another notable theater organization headed by Wagman—can be found in the collection.

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Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

Gift of Laurie Wagman, 2015.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- DVDs
- Musicals
- Optical disks
- Photographs
- Press releases
- Promotional materials
- Scripts
- Video cassettes

SUBJECT(S)

- Children's theater
- Performing arts
- Theater--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia
- Women in the theater

Collection Inventory

I. BUSINESS RECORDS.

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1991-1995.	1	1
Press releases, 2005, undated.	1	2
News articles, 1989-1998.	1	3
Laurie Wagman biographies, undated.	1	4
American Theater Arts for Youth fact sheets, undated.	1	5
American Family Theater miscellaneous production materials, undated.	2	22
Season catalogs, 1993-1997.	1	6
Promotional kits and mailings, 2001-2014, undated.	1	7
Newsletter (<i>Stages</i>), 1998 fall.	1	8
Miscellaneous promotional materials, undated.	1	9
Reach for the Stars promotional material, undated.	1	10
Broadway on Tour business and promotional materials, 2001, undated.	1	11
Music composition by Wagman, "A Year in Music: Holiday Songs for Children", 2013.	1	12

II. PERFORMANCE RECORDS.

	Box	Folder
<i>Aladdin</i> , guide, script, music, DVD of performance, photos, undated.	1	14
<i>Aladdin</i> , mini discs, undated.	3	1-11
<i>Alice in Circusland</i> , script, undated.	1	15
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> , guide, scripts, music, DVD, photos, undated.	1	16
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> , mini discs, undated.	3	25-37
<i>Anne Frank: A Voice Heard</i> , guide, script, music, promotional materials, DVD, photos, undated.	1	17
<i>Anne Frank: A Voice Heard</i> , mini disc, undated.	3	12-24
<i>Annie Oakley</i> , script, undated.	1	18
<i>Babes in Toyland</i> , guide, scripts, music, post-show commentary, DVD, photos, undated.	1	19
<i>Babes in Toyland</i> , mini discs, undated.	4 3	
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , guide, script, music, DVD, photos, undated.	1	20
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , mini discs, undated.	4	11-22
<i>Ben Franklin</i> , guide, scripts, music, DVD, photos, undated.	1	21
<i>Ben Franklin</i> , mini discs, undated.	4	23-28
<i>Black Journey</i> , guide, script, music, promotional material, DVD, photos, undated.	1	22

<i>Black Journey</i> , mini discs, undated.	4	29-34
<i>Black Noel</i> , script, undated.	1	23
<i>Christmas Carol</i> , guide, script, music, DVD, photos, undated.	1	24
<i>Christmas Carol</i> , mini discs, undated.	4	46-66
<i>Cinderella</i> , guide, script, music, promotional material, DVD, undated.	1	25
<i>Cinderella</i> , mini discs, undated.	4	35-45
<i>Dinosaur Mountain</i> , script, music, design and set, cover art, promotional materials, undated.	1	26
<i>Dorothy and the Rainbow Planet (Planet of Moz)</i> , script, undated.	1	57
<i>Ellis Island</i> , DVD, music CD, photos, undated.	1	28
<i>Ellis Island</i> , mini discs, videos, undated.	5 4 2	24
<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> , script, undated.	1	29
"Everybody gather round", undated.	5	71-74
<i>It's Up to Me</i> , guide, undated.	1	30
<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> , script, undated.	1	31
<i>King Arthur</i> , script, undated.	1	32
<i>Let Freedom Ring</i> , guide, script, music, DVD, undated.	2	1
<i>The Little Mermaid</i> , guides, script, music, DVD, photos, undated.	2	2

<i>The Little Mermaid</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	1-9
<i>Oliver</i> , script, photos, undated.	2	3
<i>On Stage!</i> , guide, script, promotional materials, undated.	2	4
<i>Pied Piper of Harlem</i> , script, undated.	2	5
<i>Pinocchio</i> , guide, script, music, DVD, photos, undated.	2	6
<i>Pinocchio</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	10-15
<i>Pippi Longstocking</i> , promotional material, DVD, photos, undated.	2	7
<i>Pippi Longstocking</i> , mini discs, video, undated.	5 6	
<i>Robin Hood</i> , script, scenic breakdown, music, DVD, photos, undated.	2	8
<i>Robin Hood</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	24-25
<i>Remember Angel</i> , guides, script, music, undated.	2	9
<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> , guide, script, music, promotional material, DVD, photos, undated.	2	10
<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	26-33
<i>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</i> , script, undated.	2	11
<i>Snow White and the Magic Wizard</i> , script, lyrics, music, undated.	2	12
<i>(Long) Tom Jefferson</i> , script, undated.	2	13
<i>Tom Thumb in Toyland</i> , guide, script, music, photos, production material, undated.	2	14

<i>Tom Sawyer</i> , guide, script, music, promotional material, DVD, undated.	2	15
<i>Tom Sawyer</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	34-37
<i>Ugly Duckling</i> , score, music, undated.	2	16
<i>Voyageur's Jubilee</i> , script, production notes, promotional material, undated.	2	17
<i>We the People</i> , guide, scripts, music, promotional material, DVD, undated.	2	18
<i>We the People</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	38-40
<i>Wind in the Willows</i> , script, music, cover art, promotional material, undated.	2	19
<i>Wizard of Oz</i> , guide, script, music, DVD, photos, undated.	2	20
<i>Wizard of Oz</i> , mini discs, undated.	5	41-56
<i>Winnie the Pooh</i> , music, undated.	2	21
Unidentified production photographs, undated.	2	23
Unidentified mini discs, undated.	5	76-87

III. PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS.

	Box	Item
15 promotional videos, undated.	6	2
16 promotional videos, undated.	6	3-5
<i>Aladdin, The Little Mermaid, Robin Hood, Beauty and the Beast, and</i>	6	8-9

<i>Dinosaur Mountain</i> , undated.		
Broadway for Kids, 14 promotional videos, undated.	6	6
Broadway for Kids, 15 promotional videos, undated.	6	7
"Live on Tour", undated.	2	25
"My Song", undated.	2	25
<i>Pinocchio</i> , undated.	6	1
Pre-show: <i>Black Journey</i> , <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , Spring show, Fall show,, undated.	5	56-70
"Reach for the Stars", undated.	6	11-13
"Specials," <i>Anne Frank</i> , <i>Ellis Island</i> , undated.	6	10