



American Theatre Archive Project Updates &

The Oregon Multicultural Archives: Collaborations with Performing Arts Groups in Oregon

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Society of American Archivists Conference Performing Arts Roundtable Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana August 16, 2013





Mission:

To support theatre makers in archiving records of their work for the benefit of artists, scholars, patrons, and the public.





Structure:

4 Committees:

Steering Committee Communications Committee
Training Committee Advisory Committee

Location-Based Teams: Join one or create your own





New Resources Available:

- Online application form for theatre companies to participate in the ATAP Initiation Program
- Preserving Theatrical Legacy: An Archiving Manual for Theatre Companies
- Grant application template (coming soon)





Texas Area Meeting, September 2013:

- Steering committee members, Ken Cerniglia, Colleen Reilly, and Susan Brady will be giving a presentation to the Austin ATAP team in early September
- Contact Susan Brady <u>susan.brady@yale.edu</u> for details



American Theatre

ATAP Working Session at the 2013 American Society for Theatrical Research conference:

- When and Where: Friday, November 8, 2013 from 6:15-9:15 pm at the Fairmont Dallas Hotels
- Contact Susan Brady <u>susan.brady@yale.edu</u> for details





More Information on the ATAP Website:

http://americantheatrearchiveproject.org





The Oregon Multicultural Archives: Collaborations with Performing Arts Groups in Oregon









The Oregon Multicultural Archives



The OMA's mission is to assist in preserving the histories and sharing the stories that document Oregon's African American, Asian American, Latino/a, and Native American communities.





The MTG is an organization that was incorporated as a nonprofit in 1985 dedicated to the Hispanic arts and community. It produces a broad array of programming that includes public performances as well as specialized touring and education projects that currently encompass all of the Western states.



The Relationship Between the OMA & the MTG October 2012 – present









Inventory of the Collection January-June 2013

30 Years of collected records, ephemera, A/V materials









Processing the Collection July 2013 – December 2013

Arrangement and Description



Lots of Post-It Notes





Lots of Weeding



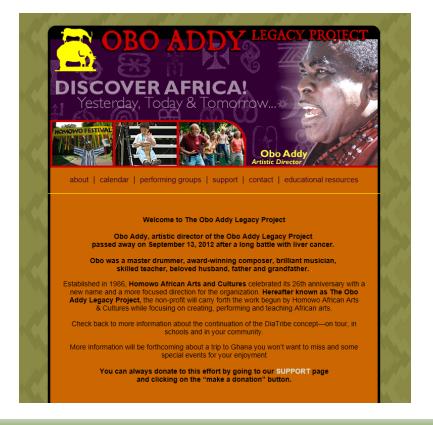


Established in 1986 as the Homowo African Arts and Cultures, the Obo Addy Legacy Project is a non-profit organization focused on creating, performing, and teaching African Arts, specifically the music and dance of Ghana, West Africa, following the vision of Obo Addy.



The Relationship Between the OMA & the OALP February 2013 – present









OALP Collection Transfer and Processing June 2013 – December 2013



Pick Up at a Portland Storage Unit



Transfer to the OMA



Ready for Processing!





Plans for the Future for Both Collections

December 2013

Completed Collections and Finding Aids

January – March 2014

Oral History Project with the Miracle Theatre Group

Curate Exhibit of Both Organizations

Promote the collections to OSU Faculty for Use in Classes

April 2014

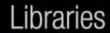
Exhibit Opens

Market the Collections for Research

Spring and Summer 2014

Plan for in-depth processing of A/V materials

Incorporate Collections in Theatre and Ethnic Studies Courses at OSU



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How to Keep Up-to-Date on Both Projects



OMA Blog:

http://wpmu.library.oregonstate.edu/oregon-multicultural-archives/