

UQFL572 TheatreWorks Collection

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Contents Administrative records, production files, personal papers of Carolyn Howard,

promotional material, photographs, posters, audio-visual recordings.

Date range 1964 to 2009

Biography Theatre Works was formed in 1980 by a group of students (including Peter

Finlay, Susie Fraser, Carolyn [Caz] Howard, Hannie Rayson and Peter Sommerfeld) graduating from the Victorian College of the Arts' Drama School. The company went on producing shows in smaller venues in the Eastern suburbs and became famous for its location theatre, especially for the tram series that started with *Storming Mont Albert By Tram* in 1982. In 1985 Theatre Works found a home in the heritage-listed Parish Hall, part of the historic Church Square complex in St Kilda. In its first decade, Theatre Works

produced more than 30 original plays. In the 1990's transitioned from a cooperative to a fully-fledged theatre company. – Excerpt from website

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	Popular Front				38
1983	Herstory				71
1984	Theatre Works group shots on set of DJ View, camera Ivan Johnston				28
1987	Last Train to St. Kilda: recce shots				18
1989	Hairpin Bends				19
	Mask workshop		23		33
1980 to 1990	General photos	16	148	7	
1980 to 1990	Community projects and events	10		1	
1980 to 1990	Contracts and awards	14	31	2	
1980	Please Return to Sender	9		1	
1980	Dee Jay View	8		6	
1981	Interplay	68			
1981	The Middle of the Road Show	5	19	2	
1981	The Go Anywhere Show	4	52		



Date	Description	Prints	35mm negatives	Proof sheets	35mm slides
1982	Women of Three Generations	4			

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1983	Herstory	57	134	2	1
1983	Mary	1	103		
1983	Couch 22	47			
1983	Year Nine Are Animals	56	25		
1984	Dee Jay View, 2 nd Production	31		6	3
1984	Juliet and Romeo	1			
1984	The Dick and Dolly Dickens Show	1		1	
1984 to 1985?	The Nutri Show Primary School Workshop	12			
1984 to 1985?	Group shots of the TW CEP Troupe	35	30		
	Southern Aurora workshop/shoot	33	33		
1985	Days of Empire and Sly Grog	26			
1985	Room to Move	2			
1985	The Pub Show	5		4	

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1986 Living Rooms	18 (photocopies)			



Date	Description	Prints	35mm negatives	Proof sheets	35mm slides
1986	Cake	28, 12 (photocopies)		6	
1987	Popular Front	14	12	1	
1987	Why People Go to Traffic Accidents	1			
1987	Freedom of the City (Caz Howard performing for Playbox)	4			
1987	Last Train to St Kilda (recce shots of train line)	52			
1989	Hairpin Bends	19		3	
1989	Fabulous Tales from the Horses Mouth	12			
1990	Not Waving	3			
1990	Grass	1		3	
1990	10 th birthday celebrations, St Kilda Yacht Club	9		1	
1991	Storming St Kilda by Tram, audience shots taken by Roger Sellick as ticket inspector	170			

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1980	Please Return to Sender		1	
1980 to 1990	General photos	1		
1981	Interplay	6		
1983	Herstory		1	2
1984	The company		1	



	Description	Oversize prints	Mounted prints	Framed prints
1985	Days of Empire and Sly Grog		1	
1985	Room to Move		2	
1986	Living Rooms		1	
1987	Last Train to St Kilda			1
1987	Popular Front		1	

Series F: Posters

Parcel 3

Date	Description
1979	Fefu and Her Friends, VCA Women's Group production
1980	Fragments, film, Collective
1980	Please Return To Sender, VCA, Hannie Rayson
1980	Dee Jay View, Phoenix Theatre, Peter Sommerfeld
1982	Women of Three Generations, Collective
1983	Herstory, Maverston Street Hall, Susie Fraser, Caz Howard, Paul Davies, Peter Sommerfeld
1984	Dee Jay View, Universal Theatre, return season, Peter Sommerfeld
1984	The Dick and Dolly Dickens Show, TW troupe group devised
1985	The Pub Show, Esplanade Hotel, Peter Sommerfeld
1986	Cake, Theatre Works, Bill Garner
1987	Last Train to St. Kilda, Theatre Works, Paul Davies
1987	Last Train to St. Kilda, Theatre Works, Paul Davies
1988	Storming St. Kilda by Tram, No 69 Tram, Paul Davies
1989	Hairpin Bends, Theatre Works, Susie Fraser, Caz Howard, Paul Davies, Peter Sommerfeld
1990	Grass, Theatre Works, Kevin Nemeth



Date	Description
1990	Max, Theatre Works, Patricia Cornelius
1991	Storming St. Kilda by Tram, No 69 Tram, Paul Davies
1992	Storming Glenelg by Tram, Glenelg Tram, Paul Davies
1992	Storming Swanston Walk by Tram, No 16 Tram, Paul Davies
1992	Storming Melbourne 150 by Tram, Paul Davies
c1980s	'The Black Book', display boards for productions
C1980s?	Calling for help, Pram Factory, Peter Handler, Lindy Davies
1988	Picture Your Life Better, video with Caz Howard

Tube 1

1980 Exits, film, Paul Davies 1981 The Middle of the Road Show, Phoenix Theatre, Peter Finlay 1982 Storming Mont Albert by Tram, No 42 Tram, Green, Paul Davies 1982 Storming Mont Albert by Tram, No 42 Tram, Red, ext season 1983 Breaking Up in Balwyn, Yarra Princess, Paul Davies 1987 Popular Front, Theatre Works, Errol O'Neill 1987 Why People Go To Traffic Accidents, Theatre Works, Peter Sommerfeld 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes, Paul Davies 1988 After Dinner, Andrew Bovell 1981 Theatre Works blank posters, multi-purpose		
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	1988	On Shifting Sandshoes, Paul Davies
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Series G: Audio-visual material

Box 42

Southern Aurora 3/4 inch u-matic videos, [videos 1-6]



Southern Aurora 3/4 inch u-matic videos, [videos 7-12]

Box 44

Southern Aurora 3/4 inch u-matic videos, [videos 13-18]

Box 45

Southern Aurora 3/4 inch u-matic videos, [videos 19-20]

Migrant Women Interviews: I Caz Howard Migrant Women Interviews: II Caz Howard Migrant Women Interviews: III Caz Howard

Interplay: 'Name Game' and 'Rolling'

VHS tape, Exits: Laughren, Howard, Davies, VHS copy

Box 46

16mm film:

- Exits: Laughren, Howard, Davies, original trims x2
- Migrant Women: Contraception, tape master, Caz Howard
- 1984 Dee Jay View: credits 16mm.

3/4 inch u-matic video, Interplay: Edit - Pat Laughren

Box 47

Super 8 films:

- 1980 Exits: 'Shooting Exits' various location shoots, super 8 colour, 20 mins.
- 1981 Interplay: Directed Paul Davies, super 8 colour, [Part 2 Outs], 20 mins.
- 1981 Interplay: [2nd Circus, Luna Park Outs] 20 mins.
- 1981 Interplay: [2nd Cut Outs 1] 20 mins.
- 1981 Interplay: [2nd Cut Outs 2] 20 mins.
- 1981 Interplay: Last Workshop, Cubbies, Mini Moomba Restaurant [Outs] 20 mins
- 1981 Interplay: Interviews, Camping, 1st Circus super 8 20 mins.
- 1983 Couch 22: street interviews, super 8 20 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: Helen Mayer interview, super 8 20 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: Dr Roman, Penny Vye, Dept. Social Security, interview, super 8, 20 mins



- 1983 Couch 22: Holmsglen Tafe Cairnmillar Institute, super 8, 10 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: Mark Birrel [local member] interview, super 8, 20 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: outs, super 8, 20 mins

Super 8 films & 1/4" audio record of performances:

- 1983 Couch 22: Camcare, Michelle, super 8, 10 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: super 8, 10 mins
- 1983 Couch 22: various interviews
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: wedding outs, final trims, super 8, 20 mins
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: Noosa outs, 2nd trims, phallic symbolism.
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: Dreamworld, Balwyn Callin, outs/trims.

1/4" audio record of performances:

- 1980 Exits: soundtrack, roll one
- 1980 Exits: soundtrack, roll two
- 1980 Exits: soundtrack, roll three

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1/4" audio record of performances:

- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape one
- 1983 Island Nights: 18 Jun1983 [a type of 'Mill Night'?]
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape two
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape three
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape four
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape five
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape six
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: tape seven
- 1983 Herstory: tape one [act I]
- 1983 Herstory: tape two [act II]
- 1984 Dee Jay View: master
- 1986 Cake: Paul Hester, music X 2 copies
- 1987 Last Train to St. Kilda: sound fx.
- 1989 Hairpin Bends: act one



- 1989 Hairpin Bends: act two
- 1990 Grass

Cassette tapes:

- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: script development workshops with cast, director, writer, tapes 1-15
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: Straddie reminiscences
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: Spike Jones music
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: treatment
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: production SFX
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: production music
- 1988 On Shifting Sandshoes: 3CR mention
- 2009 On Shifting Sandshoes: Bay FM interview
- 2009 On Shifting Sandshoes: production tape
- 1982 -1990 The Tram Show: production tapes [12]
- 1986 Living Rooms: production tapes [6]
- 1987 Last Train to St. Kilda: production tapes [9]
- Various Productions: production tapes, general [7]

Box 51

Cassette tapes:

- 1984 Southern Aurora: production tapes, [24]
- Radio Interviews & review [10]
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: Performances [13]
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: Music [6]
- 1985 The Pub Show: Music and production tapes interviews [2]
- 1981 Interplay: workshops [5]
- 1986 Cake: Paul Hester, music and production tapes [4]
- 1984 Dee Jay View: music and production tapes [4]



Cassette tapes:

- 1983 Herstory: workshops, performances and production tapes [14]
- 1983 Couch 22: interviews [6]
- 1987 Popular Front: performances and production tapes [5]
- 1989 Full House/No Vacancies: production tapes [6]

VHS tapes:

- 1981 The Golden Years of Gough: VCA student production, dir. Albert Hunt Parts I & II [1 video]
- 1980 Exits: scr. Paul Davies dir. Pat Laughren, Caz Howard [3 videos]
- 1981 Interplay: [VHS copy of record of the workshop] dir. ed. Paul Davies [1] 1982 Storming Mont Albert by Tram: VHS master from ¾" umatic edit [3]

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VHS tapes:

- 1982 Everyday Everynight: dir. Cathy Mueller [Caz Howard in the main role]
- 1983 Breaking up in Balwyn: original VHS master edit, camera Ivan Johnston.
- Breaking up in Balwyn: copy A
- Breaking up in Balwyn: copy C
- Breaking up in Balwyn: portapak take 23 Apr 1983
- Breaking up in Balwyn: Ivan Johnston, exterior shots
- Breaking up in Balwyn: James Grant, tripod Interior shots
- Mary: 29 Sep 1983
- Herstory: x 2 copies
- Herstory: research tape?
- Year Nine Are Animals: transf. from ¾ umatic original
- Couch 22: original super 8 documentary record of the workshop
- 1984 Southern Aurora: dir. Cathy Mueller, pilot tape for feature, Film Vic. funded
- Dee Jay View: titles



VHS tapes:

- Dee Jay View: x 3 copies
- The Dick and Dolly Dickens Show: x 2 copies, Ardoch High, 13 Dec 1984
- 1985 Room to Move: x 3 copies, 30 Mar 1985
- The Pub Show: x 2 copies, SEQEB performance 3 Dec 1985
- Days of Empire and sly grog: master

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VHS tapes:

- 1986 Living Rooms: gallery act
- Living Rooms: flatette act
- Living Rooms: drawing Room act
- Living Rooms: hallway act
- Living Rooms: TV interview, Ivan Hutchinson
- Cake: Master, x 2 copies
- 1987 Popular Front: 12 Dec 1987
- Last Train to St. Kilda: 26 Aug 1987, camera Ivan Johnston
- Last Train to St. Kilda: rail protests on news- research Why People Go to Traffic Accidents: master
- 1988 Storming St. Kilda by Tram: 'Show Biz' interview
- Storming St. Kilda by Tram: 9 Apr 1988, matinee perf.
- Storming St. Kilda by Tram: 26 Mar 1988, matinee perf.

Box 56

VHS tapes:

- 1988 After Dinner: dub
- On Shifting Sandshoes: 10 Dec 1988, camera Ivan Johnston X 2 copies
- 1989 Full House/No Vacancies: x 2 copies
- Hairpin Bends: X 2 copies
- Perfecting My Nature Strip: first dub, 25 Nov 1989
- 1990 Max: 3 Nov 1990, last performance, camera, P. Davies
- 1991 Storming St. Kilda by Tram: long play, Brisbane Trams
- 1992 Storming Glenelg by Tram: Today Show interview



- Storming Melbourne 150^{th:} item in documentary
- Storming Glenelg by Tram: 16 Mar 1992
- 1992 Tram Show: rushes

VHS tapes of Caz Howard Films:

- Freedom of The City
- House Rules [episode]
- Spy in The Family
- 1976 Surrender in Paradise: dir. Peter Cox
- 1981 November Eleven: a Work in Progress
- 1988 Picture Your Life Better
- The Contract
- 1990 Memorial compilation film, 1" video master, Ed. John Hughes
- Memorial compilation film, VHS dub, Ed. John Hughes
- Theatre works community projects:
- Camberwell Workshop
- Camberwell multifaceted drama workshop, Victoria 150th Funded
- Camberwell neighbourhood development
- Camberwell Mailing Road opening
- Alamein primary workshops

Box 58

3/4" Masters:

- Storming Mont Albert by Tram: roll 1
- Storming Mont Albert by Tram: roll 2
- Storming Mont Albert by Tram: 'Scoop' segment, SBS TV.



Parcel 4

1979 Fragments: x 3 copies, 16mm B&W, 20 minutes, Dir. Paul Davies.

1980 Exits, Laughren, Howard, Davies, 16mm colour, 47 mins, magnetic sound.

1981, Interplay: directed Paul Davies, super 8 colour, 60 mins.

1983, Couch 22: directed Paul Davies, super 8 colour, 60 mins.

1984? Island nights: Theatre Works, 16mm colour, 50 mins.

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