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## Biographical note

La Troupe des Anciens is a non-profit theatre group within the University of Toronto that performs plays by Molière and other playwrights in French. The troupe was founded in 1969, when Madame Paulette Collet - a professor at St. Michael's College – asked the college's French department for permission to put on a play with her students. This initiated a yearly tradition of French theatrical productions lead by Collet and performed by St. Michael's College students and alumni. Since then, the cast and crew has expanded to include the rest of the University of Toronto community, as well as other interested individuals.

The theatre group had initially gone by several different names in the past, as it was in 1996 when they officially started being recognized as La Troupe des Anciens. This name is derived from the troupe's faithfully returning crew of alumni, who remain as the backbone of the group.

### References:

Collet, Paulette., Julie. McLaughlin, Roberto Ávalos Machado, Robert. Quickert, Alexie. Tcheuyap, Grant. Weaver, Mark. Behar-Bannelier, et al. *La Troupe Des Anciens de l'Universite de Toronto (1969-2019): 50 Ans de Theatre Francais a Toronto*. Toronto: La Troupe des Anciens, 2019.

Collet, Paulette. *Quarante ans de théâtre français à Toronto*. Mississauga: Anthrope Mare, 2006.

## Scope and Content

**Dates range:** 1971-

**Extent:** 761 photographs. -8 cm of textual records. -1 oversize poster. -19 videocassettes. -4 DVDs. -1 audiocassette. -2 books.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of records created by La Troupe des Anciens, a theatre group founded within the University of Toronto. Records in this fonds illustrate the troupe's various theatrical operations since its founding, including photographs, posters, sample tickets, books, newspaper articles, audio recordings, video recordings, and performance programmes.

**Note:**

Fonds largely consists of records written in French.

**Arrangement:**

Fonds was arranged into 6 series based on the various material formats of the records.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

3 boxes.

## Series 1: Photographs

**Dates range:** 1971-2011

**Extent:** 761 photographs.

**Scope and Content:** Series largely consists of photographs documenting La Troupe des Anciens' various performances throughout 1971 to 2011, but also includes photographs of cast members, production members, and several after-parties.

**Arrangement:**

Series maintains original order of material as received by Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Boxes 1 and 3.

## Series 2: Posters

**Dates range:** 1986-2019

**Extent:** 0.5cm of textual records. -1 oversize poster.

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of promotional posters for performances put on by La Troupe des Anciens over the years, as well as one poster celebrating the troupe's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Note:**

Several years are missing posters.

**Arrangement:**

Series maintains original order of material as received by Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Boxes 1 and 3.

### Series 3: Media

**Dates range:** 1971-2017

**Extent:** 3.4 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of publications about La Troupe des Anciens and Professor Paulette Collet. Publications include articles, reviews, and promotional material for the troupe's various theatrical productions, all of which are largely found in full-length issues of newspapers and newsletters.

**Arrangement:**

Series maintains original order of material as received by Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Box 1.

### Series 4: Programmes

**Dates range:** 1975-2019

**Extent:** 4.1 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of collected programmes from performances of La Troupe des Anciens from 1975 to 2019. Series also includes ticket examples from several shows, as well as records relating to the group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

**Arrangement:**

Series maintains original order of material as received by Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Box 1.

### Series 5: Recordings

**Dates range:** 1973 - 2018

**Extent:** 19 videocassettes. -4 DVDs. -1 audiocassette.

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of various video and audio recordings of La Troupe des Anciens' performances over the years, including recordings of Tartuffe, L'Avare, Le bourgeois gentilhomme, Les precieuses ridicules, Le malade imaginaire, Le medecin malgre lui, and more. Series additionally includes several videos of commercial productions of Molière's plays.

**Notes:**

Many of the recordings are unlabeled.

**Arrangement:**

Series maintains original order of material as received by Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Boxes 2 and 3.

## Series 6: Books

**Dates range:** 2006 and 2019

**Extent:** 2 books.

**Scope and Content:** Series consists of 2 published books about La Troupe des Anciens and Paulette Collet.

**Access:**

Unrestricted.

**Boxes:**

Boxes 1 and 3.

## Appendix: File Level Descriptions

### Series 1: Photographs

File number	File title	Date range
1.1	Curtain photographs	2010-2011
3.2	Le Malade imaginaire - The Imaginary Invalid	1971
3.3	Le Bourgeois gentilhomme - the Would-Be Gentleman	1973
3.4	Barber de Seville - Barber of Seville	1975

File number	File title	Date range
3.5	George Dandin	1976
3.6	Le Malade imaginaire - The Imaginary Invalid	1978
3.7	L'amour medecin - The Love Doctor	1979
3.8	Les Boulingrin	1979
3.9	Le Bourgeois gentilhomme - the Would-be gentleman	1981
3.10	Le Barbier de Seville	1982
3.11	L'Avare	1983
3.12	Le Legataire universel	1984
3.13	Surprise! Surprise!	1984
3.14	Le medecin malgre lui - The Doctor In Spite of Himself	1984
3.15	Les Precieuses ridicules - The Ridiculous Young Woman	1985
3.16	Le sacrifice du bourreau	1985
3.17	Le Malade imaginaire - The Imaginary Invalid	1986
3.18	Tartuffe	1987
3.19	Tartuffe	1987
3.20.	Le medecin malgre lui - The Doctor In Spite of Himself	1988
3.21	Le Bourgeois gentilhomme - the Would-Be gentleman	1994
3.22	La contratrice chauve - la fete	1996
3.23	Tartuffe	1997
3.24	Les femmes savantes - The Learned Ladies	1998
3.25	Le Barbier de Seville	1999
3.26	George Dandin	2000
3.27	George Dandin	2000
3.28	Le Bourgeois gentilhomme - the Would-be gentleman	2001
3.29	Les Fourberies de Scapin - Scapin's Deceits	2002
3.30.	La Gare - The Station	2002
3.31	L'Avare - The Miser	2003
3.32	Le medecin malgre lui - The Doctor In Spite of Himself	2004
3.33	La Cantatrice Chauve - The Bald Soprano	2004
3.34	Les Precieuses ridicules - The Ridiculous Young Woman; Piquenique en Campagne	2005
3.35	Le Malade imaginaire - The Imaginary Invalid	2006
3.36	Les femmes savantes - The Learned Ladies	2007
3.37	Les Fourberies de Scapin - Scapin's Deceits; Le Pompier - The Fireman	2008
3.38	Le Bourgeois gentilhomme - the Would-be gentleman	2009
3.39	Topaze	2010
3.40	Le medecin malgre lui - The Doctor In Spite of Himself	2010

## Series 2: Posters



File number	File title	Date range
1.2	La Troupe Affiches/Posters	1986-2019
3.41	La Troupe 50th Anniversary Party - Podium Sign	2019

### Series 3: Media

File number	File title	Date range
1.3	La Troupe des Anciens - Media Compendium	1971-2017

### Series 4: Programmes

File number	File title	Date range
1.4	La Troupe Programmes	1975-2018
1.6	Programmes 2017-2019	2017-2019

### Series 5: Recordings

File number	File title	Date range
2.1	Audio/Video Recordings	[199-?]-[201-?]
3.1	Audio/Video Recordings	[199-?]-[201-?]

### Series 6: Books

File number	File title	Date range
1.5	Quarante ans de Theatre Francais a Toronto	2006
3.42	La Troupe des Anciens de l'Universite de Toronto: 50 ans de theatre francais a Toronto	2019