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Positive Youth Troupe collection

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Summary

Creator: Positive Youth Troupe

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Abstract: Positive Youth Troupe was organized in 1982 in the Bronx, New York and is a part of Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center, a non-profit arts and education program. From November through January, the Positive Youth Troupe members, ages 13-21, attend weekly workshops for professional training in dance, music, and theater. From February through June, they tour junior and senior high schools and community centers in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area. The Positive Youth Troupe Collection consists of correspondence, touring itineraries, choreographic notes, and the script and lyrics to songs featured in the original musical the troupe performed, "No Laughing Matter." Written by H. Sefus Henderson and Will Halsey, the musical tells the story of an African-American prep school student and the peer pressure he faces upon returning to his community. Also in the collection are three programs documenting the troupe's performance of this musical at City College, Staten Island Teen Pregnancy Network, Inc., and at Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American students
African American theater -- New York (State) -- New York
African Americans in the performing arts
Musicals -- United States
Theater and youth -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Scripts

Names

Positive Youth Troupe
Halsey, Will
Henderson, H. Sefus