Rick Horton was an artist and photographer who had exhibitions throughout the U.S. and Europe. In addition to his artistic activities, he also practiced law in Manhattan and the District of Columbia and was involved in the Special Committee on Arts-Related Law. Born in Concord, N.C. on August 6, 1954, Horton died in New York City on April 23, 1990.

The Rick Horton Photographs are a gift donated on behalf of the Estate of Rick Horton. The collection includes photographic material consisting of photoprints, contact sheets, slides and negatives, primarily of the 15 foremost Toscas of the 20th century. These photos were taken by Horton during the filming of I Live For Art (interviews by Robert Merrill with singers on the subject of Puccini's Tosca). The collection also contains exhibition announcements, invitations, and catalogs as well as press material (domestic and international) relating to Horton's photographs. Horton's theatre related material from the bequest is housed in the Billy Rose Theatre Collection.

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2. Albanese, Licia. color, 20.5 x 25.5 cm.

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60. Turner, Eva; Tebaldi, Renata; Merrill, Robert. b&w, 21 x 28 cm.

61. Turner, Eva with Merrill, Robert and Te Kanawa, Kiri. color, 21 x 27 cm. (frames missing).

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63. Vishnevskaya, Galina with Merrill, Robert. b&w, 28 x 21 cm.

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65a. Vishnevskaya, Galina with Merrill, Robert. color, 21 x 28 cm.

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68. EXHIBITION ANNOUNCEMENTS (Ann.) /INVITATIONS (Inv.)

   The Great Toscas.  USIS, Milano; Centro Il Diaframma/Canon, Milano; Istituto di Studi Pucciniani, Milano; Museo teatrale alla Scala, Milano.  1984.  Ann.
   Great Divas: An Intimate View.  Metropolitan Opera House, 1/22-4/20/85.  Inv.
   A Quiet Breathing.  Grey Art Gallery and Study Center, NYC.  1/20/87. Inv. to Private Viewing.

69. EXHIBITION CATALOGS

   Between Dusk and Daybreak.  Jerald Melberg Gallery.  2/16-3/25/89
   Under an Urging Moon.  North Carolina State University.  4/27-7/15/89

70. PRESS MATERIAL

   Entire magazine included.
   "I Live for Art," publicity material for the movie "TOSCA", photos by Rick Horton.


   In Italian with English translations.
   "Le grandi interpreti di Tosca," Milano Week-end, 3/13/84, 3 pp.
Box # 1 (con't)

"Le grandi interpreti di Tosca," Milano Week-end, 3 pp.
"Interpreti di Tosca viste nell'intimità," Messaggero Veneto, 11/12/84, 3 pp.

71. MISCELLANEOUS ARCHIVAL MATERIAL
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   Letter from United States Information Service in Rome regarding Italian tour of 'Diva' exhibition.
   Partial list of Rick Horton Estate. 1/22/91
   Rick Horton resumé.

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1. Welitsch, Ljuba with Merrill, Robert in her home in Vienna.

2. Vishnevskaja, Galina
   Albanese, Licia
   Milanov, Zinka
   Olivero, Magda

3. Bumbry, Grace

4. Tebaldi, Renata

5. Cigna, Gina

6. Vishnevskaja, Galina with Rostropovich, Mstislav

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7. Tebaldi, Renata  
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   Olivero, Magda  
   Welitsch, Ljuba  
   Crespin, Régine  
   Merrill, Robert

8. Welitsch, Ljuba with Merrill, Robert

9. Olivero, Magda with Merrill, Robert

10. Bumbry, Grace  
    Caballé, Montserrat  
    Cigna, Gina  
    Crespin, Régine  
    Kirsten, Dorothy  
    Merrill, Robert  
    Olivero, Magda  
    Te Kanawa, Kiri  
    Tebaldi, Renata  
    Turner, Eva  
    Vishnevskaya, Galina  
    Welitsch, Ljuba

SLIDES: (filed with slide collection)

Bumbry, Grace = Slide XV/54

Bumbry, Grace with Merrill, Robert = Slide XV/55

Crespin, Régine = Slide XV/56

Merrill, Robert with Crespin, Régine = Slide XV/57

Merrill, Robert = Slide XV/58

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(51 x 61 cm. photos in 74 x 91 cm. mats unless otherwise specified)  
Filed in press 0, case 3, drawer 4

1. Bumbry, Grace

2. Caballé, Montserrat  without mat

3. Cigna, Gina

4. Cigna, Gina

5. Crespin, Régine

6. Crespin, Régine  35 x 28 cm.  photo without mat

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