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Guide to the

**Covent Garden Theatre broadsides**

1828

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## Summary

**Creator:** Covent Garden Theatre

**Title:** Covent Garden Theatre broadsides

**Date:** 1828

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 portfolio)

**Source:** papers:

**Abstract:** The Covent Garden Theatre was founded by John Rich in London, England in 1732. In 1847 it became the Royal Italian Opera and in 1891, the Royal Opera House. Collection consists of eight printed broadsides dated from November 23, 1828 to December 15, 1828 concerning the aftermath of a fatal accident involving gas illumination in which two employees of the theatre died. The theatre was closed while the "gasometers" were removed and the public was assured that only "wax" and the "purest oil" would be used for lighting. Includes copies of certificates of safety and programs for the re-opening show starring Edmund Kean.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Broadsides

### **Subjects**

Gas-lighting -- England -- London

Theaters -- Accidents -- England -- London

Theaters -- Lighting -- England -- London

### **Names**

Covent Garden Theatre

Kean, Edmund, 1787-1833