

TITLE: Louis Anthony Russo Photograph Collection

DATE RANGE: 1982-1999

CALL NUMBER: FP FPC #18

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (1 box)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Merlyn and Donita Albright, 2001 (personal friends and producers of the Star Theater)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Louis Anthony Russo was a teacher, director, performer, and mentor. Russo was the founder of the Star Theater in Scottsdale where he developed the improv troupe, "The Oxymoron'Z" and taught stand-up comedy. He also played Lord Mayor at the annual Renaissance Festival in Apache Junction from its inception in 1989 until 1998. Russo's performing arts career spanned four decades where he worked as an actor, voice-over artist, director, producer, and writer. Russo died in December of 2000 from heart complications.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection consists of over 250 photographs, ranging from good to excellent condition. They are organized alphabetically by subject. The bulk of the photographs represent Russo's work with the Oxymoron'Z and the Renaissance Festival. In addition, the photographs are identified by the different characters Russo played for theater productions and events. Negatives, slides, and transparencies are sleeved and found in the folders with their corresponding photographs. There is one album from the 1993 Renaissance Festival.

For more information see the biography file Russo, Louis Anthony FB BIO-1775.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Photographs: The Oxymoron'z, Group Portraits	1997-1999
	2	Photographs: The Oxymoron'z, Individual Portraits	1997
	3	Photographs: The Oxymoron'z, Negatives	1997-1999
	4	Photographs: Renaissance Festival (various	1982-1998

		people/characters)	
	5	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony As The Christmas Spirit (includes negatives and slides)	n.d.
	6	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony As Dickens	n.d.
	7	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony As The Great Mugh Ahmand, Magi of Persia (includes transparencies)	1983
	8	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony As Lord Mayor, Arizona Renaissance Festival	1989-1998
	9	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony As Louie the XIV	n.d.
	10	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony In Costume (various characters) (includes negatives)	n.d.
	11	Photographs: Russo, Louis Anthony Portraits and Headshots (includes negatives)	1980s-1990s
	12	Photographs: Star Theater Construction and Grand Opening	1997
	OV	Album: Renaissance Festival	1993