

## Guide to the Florenz Hinz - Union Colony Civic Center Collection- AI-4218

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**Title** Florenz Hinz - Union Colony Civic Center Collection  
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**Name and location of repository** Hazel E. Johnson Research Center  
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### Collection Summary

**Dates:** 1945-1993  
**Bulk Dates:** 1984-1988  
**Level of description:** Collection  
**Creator(s):** Florenz Hinz  
**Extent:** 1 cubic feet

### Administrative/Biographical History

Florenz "Flo" Hinz was born on March 28, 1910 in Denver to parents Otto F. and Frances (Ordelheide) Hinz. He attended school in Denver and graduated from North High School. After living and working in Virginia and other areas throughout the East and Midwest, Florenz returned to Colorado, settling in Greeley in 1977.

He worked as a travel agent, and became very active in the cultural affairs of Greeley. He had experience in the entertainment industry, having worked as a promoter for MGM studios, Columbia, and Warner Brothers. He was one of the original advocates for the founding and construction of an auditorium and cultural center in Greeley, which came to be known as the Union Colony Civic Center. He worked tirelessly as a member of the Northern Colorado Foundation, which financially supported the civic center endeavor. He wrote letters to the paper, gave presentations to local clubs, and helped with fundraising and election efforts to make the plan for a civic center in Greeley a reality. After the UCCC was completed in 1988, Flo was a regular volunteer for various events.

In addition to volunteering at the UCCC, he also was an active volunteer for the City of Greeley Museums and was the first director of Centennial Village. A blue spruce tree was planted in his honor at Centennial Village. He passed away on January 13, 1996.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of archival materials saved by Florenz Hinz in relation to the Greeley Civic Theater, a local theatrical group, and the founding, fundraising, election, and construction of the Union Colony Civic Center. Predominant material types in this collection include correspondence, institutional documents, ephemera, newsletters, newspapers and clippings.

### **System of arrangement**

No original order. Order imposed by document type.

### **Conditions governing access**

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

### **Conditions governing reproduction and use**

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

### **Language and scripts of the materials**

English

### **Custodial history**

The materials in this collection were collected and assembled by Florenz Hinz.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

This collection was found in the City of Greeley Museums Collection.

### **Related archival Materials**

Aerial photograph of the Union Colony Civic Center. May 24, 1988 by Lew Dakan. (1992.75.0390)

Two black and white photographs of the Union Colony Civic Center under construction, by Frank Paquette. (1998.18.0002H, 1998.18.0002I)

### **Persons**

Hinz, Florenz  
Peters, Mike  
Phelps, Herschel R.  
Price, Marilyn  
Rosentrater, Jil  
Settje, Lynn

### **Places**

Greeley (Colo.)

**Subjects** Union Colony Civic Center

**Document Types** Correspondence  
Documents  
Ephemera  
Invitations  
Magazines  
Newsletters  
Newspapers and Clippings  
News Releases  
Programs

## Contents

### **Series I: Correspondence**

Letters written by Florenz Hinz to a variety of individuals involved with the planning, activism, and construction of the Union Colony Civic Center, 1984-1988.

### **Series II: Documents**

#### **Subseries A: Election**

Pamphlets, special mailings, and sample ballots for the June 24, 1986 election in which voters passed a bond issue in support of building the Union Colony Civic Center.

#### **Subseries B: Union Colony Civic Center Committee**

Institutional information concerning the Union Colony Civic Center Committee, 1983-1990.

#### **Subseries C: Volunteers**

Guides, rules, schedules, job descriptions, and other information pertaining to volunteers at the Union Colony Civic Center during the 1988-1989 season.

### **Series III: Ephemera**

Cocktail napkins, flyers, mailers, and other ephemera about the Union Colony Civic Center and its events, 1986-1993.

### **Series IV: Invitations**

Three invitations for events at the Union Colony Civic Center, 1988.

### **Series V: Magazines**

One special edition of *Greeley Style* magazine published in September 1988 featuring the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Series VI: Newsletters**

Eleven issues of *Curtain Call*, the newsletter of the Union Colony Civic Center, 1989-1992.

## **Series VII: Newspapers and Clippings**

### **Subseries A: 1945-1979**

Newspapers and clippings about the growing need for Greeley to have a performing arts center.

### **Subseries B: 1980-1983**

Newspapers and clippings about the beginning citizen efforts to build an auditorium in Greeley.

### **Subseries C: 1984**

Newspapers and clippings pertaining to the growing citizen efforts to have a civic center built in Greeley.

### **Subseries D: 1985**

Newspapers and clippings pertaining to the support for, and opposition to, the construction of the civic center.

### **Subseries E: 1986**

Newspapers and clippings about the bond issue that was passed in order to build the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Subseries F: 1987**

One newspaper clipping about the construction of the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Subseries G: 1988**

Newspapers and clippings about the first year of the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Subseries H: 1989**

Newspapers and clippings about the early years of the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Subseries I: 1990-1992**

Newspapers and clippings about the early years of the Union Colony Civic Center.

### **Subseries J: No Date**

Undated newspaper clippings pertaining to the Union Colony Civic Center.

## **Series VIII: News Releases**

News releases about the prospect of Greeley building an auditorium, 1984.

## **Series IX: Programs**

Two programs from the first season of the Union Colony Civic Center, 1988-1989.

**Series X: Audition lists**

Auditions for the Greeley Civic Theatre

**Series XI: Brochures**

Information mailed to the public about productions of the Greeley Civic Theatre.

**Series XII: Certificate**

No date or other identifying information available.

**Series XIII: Letterhead**

Two examples of Greeley Civic Theatre stationery.

**Series XIV: Community Theater**

Newspaper clippings from the Greeley Tribune, as well as letters and commentary by Mr. Hinz in relation to community theater and entertainment projects. Many clippings document the need for the eventual construction of the Union Colony Civic Center. Several editions of the City of Greeley Annual Report and Budget from the 1950s through the 1990s.

**Container List**

**Series I: Correspondence**

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**Series II: Documents**

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**Subseries B: Union Colony Civic Center Committee**

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**Subseries C: Volunteers**

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**Subseries E: 1986**

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**Series XIV: Community Theater**

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