



Calderone Theatres Collection,  
c.1920-1990  
(bulk dates: 1945-1975)

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The Calderone Theatres Collection contains information about the Calderone Theatre, Hempstead Theatre, Rivoli Theatre, Mineola Theatre, Valley Stream Theatre, Cove Theatre, Lynbrook Theatre and Westbury Theatre, all of which were owned by Dr. Frank Calderone.

Most of the information about the Calderone Theatre focuses on its opening in 1949. Photographs, documents, clippings, ephemera, and large album show the significance of the 1949 opening of the Calderone Theatre in Hempstead, N.Y.

In the collection, there are clippings and photographs related to all of the Calderone theatres. Programs from the Calderone theatres show the various trends in entertainment from the 1920s to the 1980s.

Biographical information, including transcripts of interviews with Dr. Frank Calderone, is included in the collection. The collection contains information about Dr. Calderone's scientific work including interviews discussing world health.

The collection also contains Dr. Calderone's notes for speeches he gave about the theatre industry and the need for quality entertainment on Long Island.

Some records, documents from a revitalization project and press releases show the business behind the Calderone theatres.

In addition to documents and photographs, there is a bound volume of Mineola Theatre programs, a monograph *Esempi: Architecture per lo spettacolo* and a large scrapbook featuring the 1949 opening of the Calderone Theatre in Hempstead.

The collection includes two history essays about the Cove Theatre and the Westbury Theatre.

A comprehensive essay and description of the Calderone Theatres Collection written by Miriam Tulin and published by Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University is included in the collection.

Researchers looking for information about theaters on Long Island should also consider Hofstra Special Collections' "Long Island Theatres Collection."

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Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

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| 1  | Biographical Information—Frank Calderone   |
| 2  | Biographical Information—Frank Calderone—Clippings                                 |
| 3  | Calderone Theatre Collection—Guides  |
| 4  | Clippings—Calderone Concert Hall—Hempstead, 1947-1980<br>(with gaps)               |
| 5  | Clippings—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead, 1991  |
| 6  | Clippings—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead—Rock Performances,<br>1974, 1975, 1979, 1980 |
| 7  | Clippings—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead – 1970s                                      |
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| 9  | Clippings—Hempstead Theatre, 1922, 1980, 1986                                      |
| 10 | Clippings—Mineola Theatre, 1961, 1962, 1969  |
| 11 | Clippings—Rivoli Theatre, 1926, 1965   |
| 12 | Clippings—Salvatore Calderone 1929   |
| 13 | Ephemera—Calderone Theatre –Hempstead—opening 1949                                 |
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| 15 | History—Westbury Theatre, 1962   |
| 16 | Photographs—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead – Construction,<br>1948, 1949              |
| 17 | Advertising booklet – <i>The Long Island Theatre Program Company</i> , Apr. 1927   |

Box 2

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| 1 | Photographs—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead – Construction 1948, 1949  |
| 2 | Photographs—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead – Opened June 1949, 1971   |
| 3 | Photographs—Calderone Theatre—Hempstead – People, 1949, 1971, 1978 |

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4 Photographs—Cove Theatre, n.d.

Box 3

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1 Photographs—Hempstead Theatre, n.d.  
2 Photographs—Mineola Theatre (2 folders), 1 photograph 1950  
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5 Photographs—Valley Stream Theatre—groundbreaking, n.d.  
6 Photograph—Westbury Theatre, n.d.  
7 Press Releases—Mineola Theatre, 1962  
8 Programs—Cove Theatre, n.d.  
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Box 4

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1 Programs—Mineola Theatre (3 folders), 1929, 1961, 1964, 1968, 1970, n.d.  
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6 Programs—Valley Stream Theatre, 1926, 1962  
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8 Publication—Calderone Theatre Weekly, 1928, 1929  
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11	Revitalization Project—Calderone Theatre, 1927, 1991
12	Social Events—Frank and Mary Calderone, 1971
13	Speeches—Frank Calderone, 1962, 1965-1968, 1978
14	Theatre Committees—1936
15	Valley Stream Theatre demolition photographs—March 1997

Box 5

Photograph (11x14) of Frank Calderone, n.d.

Movie flyer – Calderone’s Cove Theatre screening of *Wings* (starring Clara Bow) plus a “Big Time Vaudeville Show,” [ca. 1927-1929]

Newspaper – *LI Daily Review*, Nov. 21, 1969 (Article on the cover stating that Dr. Frank Calderone had been honored with the L.I. Daily Review’s

“Long Island Distinguished Leadership Award” – article cont’d on p. 9 – 11 copies

News clippings -

*Daily Review, The*, “The Pride of Nassau County,” April 28, 1922. Announcement concerning grand opening of Calderone’s Hempstead Theatre

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*LI Commercial Review*, Wednesday, July 7, 1971, p. 12 – “Roasted ‘victims’ love Fall Gal & Guy Luncheon – Drs Mary & Frank Calderon honored” – 14 copies

*The Nassau Daily Review*, March 8, 1928, p.1 (cont’d on p. 12) – “Calderone in Front Rank – Laughed at as He Starts Work on His Houses” – article about Salvatore Calderone and the theatres he opened.

*Newsday*, July 14, 1980, p. 43 – “LI Already Has a Theatre” – letter to the editor from Dr. Frank A. Calderone

### Box 5

*Newsday*, October 30, 1965, pp. 12&13 - "Doctor in the Playhouse"

*Newsday*, February 23, 1975, p. 11 - "Broadway Theatre In Our Back Yard"

*Long Island Press*, July 27, 1969, p.28 - "LI Paradox: Mineola Ends Live Theater"

*The Long Island Catholic*, June 26, 1969, p. 6 - "The end begins at Mineola - L.I.'s own theatre"

*Long Island Daily Review*, October 3, 1968, pp. 10-11, - " 'Our Town' Long Island is the 'Front Page' "

*Long Island Daily Review*, October 3, 1968, cover page - with photo of Henry Fonda and Robert Ryan

*Long Island Press*, July 21, 1969, p. 8 - "Mineola Theatre to Show Films"

*Newsday*, July 24, 1969, pp. 1B-2B - "The Curtain Falls"

*Newsday*, September 30, 1961, p. 1 - photo and caption that reads "First Nighters"

*Newsday*, October 13, 1964, p. 2 - "Mineola Putting on New Faces"

*Valley Stream Herald*, March 6-12, 1997 - "The last picture show" facsimile

### Box 6

Bound volume of Mineola Theatre programs, June 25, 1965 to Nov. 24, 1968

### Box 7

Monograph - *Esempi: Architecture Per Lo Spettacolo* (1958) by Robert Aloï

### Box 8

Photo album - featuring photos of the June 21, 1949, opening of the Calderone Theatre in Hempstead.