Guide to the "Winged Victory" Playbill
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### Preferred Citation note

*Winged Victory* Playbill, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Winged Victory was a play written by Moss Hart and produced by the United States Army Air Forces in order to boost morale and raise funds for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. The play depicts a group of young trainees from a cross-section of American young men as they work together through pilot training. The play opened in Boston in the fall of 1943, and in New York at the 44th Street Theater in November that same year, playing before 350,000 people in 226 performances there. In 1944, Twentieth Century Fox bought the rights to the film and produced it using a few of the play's actors. Following the film's release, the play toured the country to a combined audience of over 800,000.

Scope and Contents note

A playbill for a production of Moss Hart's Winged Victory, performed in the Opera House on Wacker Drive at Madison in Chicago, Illinois, in January, 1945. According to the playbill, the company of Winged Victory consisted entirely of Army Air Forces personnel - 319 service personnel (cast, orchestra, choral group, and production staff) and 39 civilians (cast and production staff).

Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access note
None

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