

Pittsburgh Music Collections held by the Music Department

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The Bakaleinikoff Tablecloth

From 1946 to 1953, Vladimir Bakaleinikoff was associated with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as principal conductor then musical director. During those years, 100 visiting classical musicians dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bakaleinikoff in their home. Each musician autographed a tablecloth, after which Mrs. Julia Bakaleinikoff embroidered the signatures. The framed cloth hangs in the Music Department's front room.

Pittsburgh Concert Programs

Large collection of uncataloged printed music programs dating back to the early 19th century.

The Maurice Levy Oral History of Music in Pittsburgh Collection

300+ interviews with a wide variety of people in Pittsburgh who have been deeply involved with professional and amateur music.

The Musical Forecast

Index to this local music magazine which was published 1921-1948.

Musical Pittsburgh 1758-1908

This index covers all of the music-related entries in a lengthy essay on the history of music in Pittsburgh up to 1908, from the volume *Sesqui-centennial and historical souvenir of the Greater Pittsburgh*, edited and compiled by Henry Brownfield Scott. A photocopy of this chapter resides in the Music Department's Pittsburgh Music Information File under the heading "Pittsburgh Souvenir Program 1758-1908."

Pittsburgh International Contemporary Music Festival 1952

Held November 24-30, 1952, this festival gathered the city's musical community in performances of newly-composed works with a virtual who's-who of living composers in the western musical world. Holdings include Official Program, Press Book (scrapbook), Recordings, Music Manuscripts and related publications.

Pittsburgh Jazz Musicians

List of artists who have contributed to Pittsburgh's reputation as one of the most important cities in the history of jazz.

Pittsburgh Music Archival Material

Index to numerous scrapbooks from local musicians, clipping files and other uncatalogued archival materials that illuminate the musical life of Pittsburgh in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Pittsburgh Music Information File

Large collection of newspaper clippings, magazine articles and other ephemera. Subjects include Pittsburgh musicians, musical groups, orchestras, opera companies, music venues, night clubs, associations, societies, organizations, record companies, choral groups, events and other topics and people with some connection to Pittsburgh. These are documents that Carnegie Library music librarians

collected prior to the Internet, and include rare and unique items not easily found in other places. Coverage is strongest from the late 1930s (when Music became a separate Library department) to 2004.

Pittsburgh Music Newsletters

List of historic holdings of Pittsburgh music organizations' newsletters.

Pittsburgh Orchestra Correspondence

Twenty-seven bound volumes of letters covering 1896-1910, the span of the predecessor of today's Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Pittsburgh Vinyl Record Collection

700 reference LPs featuring musicians, musical groups, and composers from Pittsburgh.

"Who's Who in Pittsburgh Music"

Ralph Lewando, music critic for the Pittsburgh Press from 1930 to 1957, wrote the weekly column "Who's Who in Pittsburgh Music Circles" from 1941 to 1954. The Library owns five scrapbooks containing those columns, each with a photograph of the musician featured along with a short piece on his or her contribution to the musical life of the city.

Sheet Music Collections

Dance Orchestra Music Collection

Consisting of close to 300 titles, this collection of dance orchestra music with parts reflects what might have been heard on KDKA radio in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before live orchestras were replaced with recorded music.

Organ Sheet Music Collection

A supplemental collection of over 1300 individual pieces of sheet music, made richer by numerous gifts from distinguished local organists, including Caspar Koch, the Pittsburgh City Organist from 1904-1954.

Pittsburgh Sheet Music Collection

A unique collection of over 1000 titles of sheet music published in Pittsburgh or nearby since the early 19th century.

Vocal Sheet Music Collection

A collection of over 5800 titles of vocal sheet music containing popular songs of various eras. Many of these titles contain rarely-heard introductory verses of well-known songs.

Special Indexes

Current and Historical Music Journals and Magazines

The Music Department's current and historic periodical holdings in print and microfilm. Some of these periodicals may be accessed electronically.

Musical Analysis Index

Index to program notes from selected books and several major symphony orchestra printed programs including the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Performers in Pittsburgh

Index of soloists and ensembles appearing in Pittsburgh's major concert series from approximately 1910 – 1975.

Pittsburgh Indexes

Index to various unpublished histories of music in Pittsburgh and other related resources.

Song Index

Index to more than 25,000 popular and classical song anthologies owned by the Library, indexed by title, composer and first line/chorus.