Overview of the Collection

**Reference Code:** Pittsburgh Music Archive #30

**Creator:** Armetta Swan

**Dates:** 1949 - 2010

**Extent:** 3 boxes

**Language:** English

**Repository:**

Music Department, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Main, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**Acquisition Information:** The Swan Chorale archive was donated to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Music Department by Mrs. Armetta Swan, Ralph Swan's widow and Swan Chorale member. Initial donation was 2011.

**Copyright:** yes, for recordings

**Restrictions:** none

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Notes on the Collection

**Historical Note**

The Swan Chorale, founded and directed by Ralph Swan (1931-2010), started in 1945. The group performed for churches and organizations around Pittsburgh for more than 50 years. Ralph Swan’s older sister, Amy L. Brown, was the piano accompanist and co-founder. The Swan Chorale was initially supported by United We Sing.

**Scope and Content**

- Three scrapbooks
- CD copies of cassette tapes and LPs
• 4 large photos

Container List

BOX 1

• Scrapbooks (2) containing programs, correspondence, financial records, contracts, photographs and other ephemeral items
• "The Swans Take Flight" (1972?) - CD copy from LP
• "The Swan Chorale Celebrates its 48th Anniversary" concert in Carnegie Music Hall June 14, 1993 - 1 CD box set of 2 CDs.

BOX 2

• Scrapbook containing programs, correspondence, financial records, contracts, photographs and other ephemeral items

BOX 3

• 4 large photographs of June 14, 1993 concert