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Title: The Swan Chorale and Ralph J. Swan Collection

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

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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.
- "The Swan Chorale 50th Anniversary Concert" in Carnegie Music Hall June 19, 1995. Copied from cassette tapes - 1 CD box set of 2 CDs.
- Swan Chorale rehearsal, ~1991-1992. 1 CD copy, from a cassette.

BOX 2

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

BOX 3

- 4 large photographs of June 14, 1993 concert