Title: Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh Collection

Overview of the Collection

Reference Code: Pittsburgh Music Archive #64

Creator: Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh

Dates: 1911-1963

Extent: 4 volumes, 1 photograph

Language: English

Repository:

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Notes on the Collection

Historical Note

The Mendelssohn Male Choir was organized in Pittsburgh by Ernest Lunt in 1908. Starting with about 40 male singers, the first concert was held on January 28, 1909, at Carnegie Music Hall. Women were invited to join the organization in 1915. Ernest Lunt was the Director from 1908-1950, followed by Russell Wichmann from 1952-1966. Still active today, the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh performs with world-renown guest accompanists and orchestras and has had a close association with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra since 1939. The group has been featured on many recordings over the years.
Scope and Content

- Concert programs – 3 bound volumes
- History of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, 1938
- Mounted photograph of Mendelssohn Male Choir, April 13, 1909, Carnegie Hall.

Container List

- **Volume 1**: Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh – Programs 1911-1934 (1911/1912, called the Mendelssohn Male Choir). Bound volume.
- **Photograph**: (8.5” x 14”) 45 members of the Mendelssohn Male Choir including Ernest Lunt, director, April 13, 1909, Carnegie Hall.

See also

- [Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh](#) in the CLP library catalog