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Overview of the Collection

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**Historical Note**

The Pittsburgh Concert Society's mission from 1970: To educate, encourage and develop local talent by providing performance in local formal concerts.

The Pittsburgh Concert Society was formed in 1943 by Viola Byrgerson Lundin and Kathryn Brose Reubens. Performers are selected by an audition process.

The Pittsburgh Concert Society is still an active organization. See:

<https://www.pittsburghconcertsociety.org/>.

From their website: The Pittsburgh Concert Society (PCS) promotes the finest Pittsburgh based classical musicians, all selected by adjudicators of national stature, providing each winner with a formal recital opportunity as well as a financial award.

Founded in 1943, the PCS is a non-profit, equal opportunity organization. All artists appearing on the PCS programs must live within a 75-mile radius of Pittsburgh. To ensure fairness and impartiality of the selection process, PCS auditions are adjudicated by invited musicians from outside the Pittsburgh area.

The PCS is proud of its history and its contribution to the arts in the Pittsburgh area. It is an organization of dedicated officers and board members, all volunteers, consistently working to maintain the highest possible level of talent in their concert presentations.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains the organization records of the Pittsburgh Concert Society from 1956-1972. This collection includes the organization's constitution and policies, auditions and winners, newspaper clippings, correspondence, history, committee assignments, minutes, statistics, board members, backstage procedures, solicitation and membership cards, music programs and season booklets, membership records, and a scrapbook of news articles, photos, programs, tickets, letters, publicity flyers, etc.: 1943-1953.

### Container List

#### **BOX 1**

1. **Folder I - Auditions (1956-1972)**
  - Announcements
  - Applications
  - Evaluation Scoring
  - Winners (1970, 1972)
  
2. **Folder II**
  - Clippings from local newspapers about various PCS activities
  
3. **Folder III**
  - Constitution and Policies
  
4. **Folder IV**
  - Correspondence
  
5. **Folder V**
  - History
  - Committee assignments
  - Minutes
  - Statistics
  - Board Members
  - Backstage Procedures
  - Solicitation and Membership Cards

## 6. Folder VI

- Music Programs and Season Booklets
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 1/8/1949, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Youth concert, 4/23/1949, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 11/11/1950, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 2/17/1951, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Tenth Anniversary Concert, 1/17/1953, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Youth concert, 3/7/1953, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 1/16/1954, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 11/9/1957, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 25<sup>th</sup> Season, 11/18/1967, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 25<sup>th</sup> Season, 1/3/1968, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 25<sup>th</sup> Season, 2/24/1968, St. Paul's Cathedral
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Musicians Club of Pittsburgh, Youth Artists Concert, 3/18/1967, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 11/2/1968, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 1/4/1969, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Organ Recital, 1/25/1970, St. Paul's Cathedral
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Sixth Season, 1949, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Eleventh Season, 1953-1954, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, Silver Anniversary Season, 1967-1968, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 26<sup>th</sup> Season, 1968-1969, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 28<sup>th</sup> Season, 1970-1971, Synod Hall
  - Pittsburgh Concert Society, 29<sup>th</sup> Season, 1971-1972, Synod Hall

## 7. Folder VII

- Some Membership Records

### Box 2

- Scrapbook of news articles, photos, programs, tickets, letters, publicity flyers, etc.: 1943-1953

### See also

- [Pittsburgh Music Information File](#)
- [The Maurice Levy Oral History of Music in Pittsburgh Collection \(OHMP\)](#)