



Community Concerts Collection, 1931-2000

Collection Summary:

Title: Community Concerts Collection

Summary: A collection of correspondence, administrative records, photographs, and newspaper clippings relating to the Nashville Community Concerts Association, ranging from 1931-2000. Bulk dates: 1936-1991.

Physical Description: 13 Hollinger boxes; 5.42 linear feet.

Language: English

Stack Location: Archives II

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Historical/Biographical Note:

Nashville Community Concerts Association was first established in 1931, and was a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bringing musical entertainment to the city at affordable prices. The organization was formed under the umbrella of Community Concerts, Inc., which was established in Chicago in 1920, and later moved to New York City, backed by Columbia Artist Management, Inc. and National Artist Service. The concert membership movement rapidly expanded throughout the United States in spite of the effects of the Great Depression and World War II, and concert associations continued to form rapidly in key cities in the United States, including Nashville.

The Nashville Community Concerts Association, first led by president Marion Crouch, operated in the city for 60 years before closing its operations in 1991 due to lack of memberships and as more opportunities for musical entertainment became available. Over those 60 years, Nashville Community Concerts presented well-known orchestras including Philadelphia, Boston Pops, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Minneapolis. In addition, the organization hosted a number of international performances, including Boris Goldovsky's Grand Opera Theater, the Royal Flanders Ballet, and the Slovenian Philharmonic. Most events were held at War

Memorial Auditorium; however, some were also held at Belmont's Massey Auditorium, TPAC, and the Grand Ole Opry.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection contains administrative records, photographs, ephemera, and newspaper clippings relating to the Nashville Community Concerts Association. Dates range from 1931-2000, with bulk dates between 1936 and 1991. The collection documents the activities and events of what was the longest-running concert association in Nashville, and gives special insight into the history of performing arts in Nashville.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Arts & culture

Community Concerts, Inc.

Nonprofit organizations.

Performing Arts.

Performing arts--Tennessee--Nashville--History--20th century.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically into four series: *administrative records*, *clippings*, *ephemera*, and *photographs*.

The *administrative records* series contains materials relating to administrative matters with the Nashville Community Concerts Association, including agreements and contracts for use of concert venues, correspondence, financial records, reports, and organizational materials. This series also contains publicity and press materials for individual performers, which are arranged chronologically by concert season.

The *clippings* series contains newspaper clippings from the *Nashville Tennessean* and the *Nashville Banner* relating to the Nashville Community Concerts Association and various performances hosted by the organization. Dates range from 1936-2000, and are arranged chronologically.

Ephemera includes pamphlets, posters, scrapbooks, and programs for individual performances given by Nashville Community Concerts from 1933-1991. Programs are arranged chronologically by concert season.

The *photographs* series contains official press photographs for various performers for Community Concerts, Inc. Photographs include the Royal Ballet of Flanders, the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, and the Obernkirchen Children's Choir. Photographs may be subject to copyright.

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