

# Guide to Proof of the Pudding, Yale University, Records

RU 1170



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 1170

**CREATOR:** Proof of the Pudding (Musical group)

**TITLE:** Proof of the Pudding, Yale University, records

**DATES:** 1982-2019

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 12.44 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of performance and event ephemera, scrapbooks, photographs and musical recordings from Proof of the Pudding, the second women's a cappella group at Yale University.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Organizational History

Proof of the Pudding is Yale's second-oldest all-female undergraduate a cappella group. Adrienne Benton Furniss '76 and Virginia Welles '76 established the group in 1975, a mere six years after women were first admitted to Yale. The name "Proof of the Pudding" is taken from Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote: "The proof of the pudding is in the tasting." Given the male-dominated world of Yale in 1975, the founding members of "Proof" had to prove themselves as veritable musicians. The name urged people not to dismiss Proof before they heard them sing. Their deep commitment and musicality was a recipe for instant success, setting the bar high for the next 40 years.

Proof has its roots in jazz and swing, but has more recently expanded their repertoire to include a variety of music. Since its beginning, Proof has been known for its vibrant sound, enthusiastic performance style, and energetic repertoire. It has toured both domestically (most recently in Birmingham, Portland, Boston, and Chicago) and internationally (including Costa Rica, France, and India). Proof has also recorded a number of albums, releasing a new album every three to four years. Recent releases include Paint the Town (2010) and Whisper Low (2014). Our latest album, Beyond the Sea, was released in January 2017 - give it a listen on our Music page!

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## Scope and Contents

The records consist of performance and event ephemera, scrapbooks, photographs and musical recordings from Proof of the Pudding, the second women's a cappella group at Yale University.

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## General

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged by accession.

## Collection Contents

### Accession 2020-A-0049: Records

Administrative and event files		
b. 1, f. 1	Alumni	2014-2015
b. 1, f. 2	Audition/call back materials	Undated
b. 1, f. 3	Jam	1991
b. 1, f. 4	Photographs of memorabilia	2019
b. 1, f. 5	Notes by part	Undated
b. 1, f. 6	Performance ephemera and schedules	1995-2015
b. 1, f. 7	Photographs	1979-1984, Undated
b. 2	Proof initiation files 2020-a-0049_0001 <i>1 CD-R 11106816 bytes (11.11 Megabytes.)</i>	
b. 1, f. 8	Rehearsals	1987-2003
b. 1, f. 9	Retreat	1990
b. 1, f. 10	Rush and tap audition ephemera and registration forms	2010-2016
b. 1, f. 11	Song lists	Undated
b. 1, f. 12	Tips and instructions	2014 and Undated
Recorded music		
b. 3	Beyond a Doubt <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
b. 4	Chill and Serve <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
b. 5	Evidence <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
b. 6	Paint The Town <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
b. 7	Sweet or Hot <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
b. 8	Whisper Low <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i>	
Scrapbooks		
b. 9, f. 1	Scrapbook	2009-2012

## Scrapbooks (continued)

b. 10, f. 1	Scrapbook	2000-2017
b. 11, f. 1-2	Scrapbook-loose pages Identified individuals and events are on the verso.	Undated
b. 12, f. 1	Scrapbook-loose pages Identified individuals and events are on the verso.	Undated
Sheet music		
b. 13, f. 1	Abba Dabba Honeymoon	
b. 13, f. 2	All That Jazz	
b. 13, f. 3	All the Things You Are	
b. 13, f. 4	Almost Like Being in Love	
b. 13, f. 5	Autumn in New York	
b. 13, f. 6	Back 2 Life	
b. 13, f. 7	Back It Up	
b. 13, f. 8	Be My Husband	
b. 13, f. 9	Bei Mir Bist Du Schön	
b. 13, f. 10	Birds and Ships	
b. 13, f. 11	Black Coffee in Bed	
b. 13, f. 12	Blah, Blah, Blah	
b. 13, f. 13	Blue Champagne	
b. 13, f. 14	Blue Skies	
b. 13, f. 15	Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	
b. 13, f. 16	Bright College Years	
b. 13, f. 17	Brown Eyed Girl	
b. 13, f. 18	Can't We Be Friends	
b. 13, f. 19	Child is Gone	
b. 13, f. 20	Christmas sheet music	
b. 13, f. 21	Cole Porter Medley	
b. 13, f. 22	Come Away With Me	
b. 13, f. 23	Cruella de Vil	
b. 13, f. 24	Cry me a River	
b. 13, f. 25	Dedicated	

## Sheet music (continued)

b. 13, f. 26	Do You Believe in Magic
b. 13, f. 27	Don Juan
b. 13, f. 28	Don't Get Around Much Anymore
b. 13, f. 29	Don't You Get Away Mad
b. 13, f. 30	Eli Yale
b. 13, f. 31	Fair Phyllis
b. 13, f. 32	Far From the Home I Love
b. 13, f. 33	Feeling Good
b. 13, f. 34	Fever
b. 13, f. 35	Frank Mills
b. 13, f. 36	Freddy, My Love
b. 13, f. 37	God's Roses
b. 13, f. 38	Hair
b. 13, f. 39	Happy Birthday
b. 13, f. 40	Harlem Blues
b. 13, f. 41	He's a Tramp
b. 13, f. 42	High School chorus sheet music-Alexandra Shade, YC '15
b. 13, f. 43	The Hip Parent Blues
b. 14, f. 1	How About You
b. 14, f. 2	How High The Moon
b. 14, f. 3	I Double Dare You
b. 14, f. 4	I Only Have Eyes For You
b. 14, f. 5	It Had To Be You
b. 14, f. 6	I Won't Say
b. 14, f. 7	If I Can't Have You
b. 14, f. 8	I'm Beginning to See The Light
b. 14, f. 9	In My Life
b. 14, f. 10	In The Mood
b. 14, f. 11	Incomplete songs
b. 14, f. 12	Ipanema

## Sheet music (continued)

b. 14, f. 13	It Don't Mean a Thing
b. 14, f. 14	Jada
b. 14, f. 15	Java Jive
b. 14, f. 16	Joey
b. 14, f. 17	Joke songs
b. 14, f. 18	Keepin' Out of Mischief Now
b. 14, f. 19	Lass From the Low Country
b. 14, f. 20	Let's Do It
b. 14, f. 21	Let's Misbehave
b. 14, f. 22	Lie Still
b. 14, f. 23	Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee
b. 14, f. 24	Lord Blow The Moon Out Please
b. 14, f. 25	Love For Sale
b. 14, f. 26	Love Will Come To You
b. 14, f. 27	Lullaby of Broadway
b. 14, f. 28	Mama, Look Sharp
b. 14, f. 29	Mama Said (There'd Be Days Like This)
b. 14, f. 30	Martha, My Dear
b. 14, f. 31	Mory's Drinking Song
b. 14, f. 32	Most Gentlemen Don't Like Care
b. 14, f. 33	Must Be Catchin'
b. 14, f. 34	My Funny Valentine
b. 14, f. 35	My Girl
b. 14, f. 36	My Man's Gone Now
b. 14, f. 37	Nearness of You
b. 15, f. 1	No Bad News
b. 15, f. 2	Old Songs
b. 15, f. 3	On A Slow Boat to China
b. 15, f. 4	One Fine Day
b. 15, f. 5	Piano Man



## Sheet music (continued)

b. 15, f. 6	Piece of My Heart
b. 15, f. 7	Raining on Prom Night
b. 15, f. 8	The Right Thing To Do
b. 15, f. 9	Rock of Ages
b. 15, f. 10	Scotch and Soda
b. 15, f. 11	Sex Trio
b. 15, f. 12	Sheet music (not arranged)
b. 15, f. 13	Sisters (Miss Celie's Blues)
b. 15, f. 14	Sister's Are Doin' It For Themselves
b. 15, f. 15	Smoke Gets In Your Eyes
b. 15, f. 16	Someday My Prince Will Come
b. 15, f. 17	Song for the Asking
b. 15, f. 18	Sometimes
b. 15, f. 19	Son of a Preacher Man
b. 15, f. 20	Sooner or Later
b. 15, f. 21	Squeeze Me
b. 15, f. 22	Star-Spangled Banner
b. 15, f. 23	Stompin' At The Savoy
b. 15, f. 24	Sugar
b. 15, f. 25	Sunday
b. 15, f. 26	Sunday Kind of Love
b. 15, f. 27	Tea For Two
b. 15, f. 28	They Can't Take That Away From Me
b. 15, f. 29	This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)
b. 15, f. 30	Tom The Tailor
b. 15, f. 31	Walkin' After Midnight
b. 15, f. 32	West Texas Blues
b. 15, f. 33	What I Did For Love
b. 15, f. 34	Winter
b. 15, f. 35	Woman's Work

Sheet music (continued)

b. 15, f. 36

You Made Me Love You

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**Accession 2023-A-0041: Records, 1982-2007**

Box 1, folders 1 and 2 are restricted until January 1, 2075. The remainder of the collection is open for research.

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b. 1, f. 2	Proof of the Pudding correspondence, donations, event materials	1986-1999
b. 1, f. 3	Old Proof flyers & tix for rush, jams, etc. [1 of 2]	1982-2007
b. 1, f. 4	Old Proof flyers & tix for rush, jams, etc. [2 of 2]	1982-2007
	Scrapbooks	1990-2000
b. 1, f. 5	Scrapbook contents [1 of 3]	1990-1992
b. 1, f. 6	Scrapbook contents [2 of 3]	1990-1992
b. 1, f. 7	Scrapbook contents [3 of 3]	1990-1992
b. 1, f. 8	Scrapbook contents [1 of 3]	1990-1994
b. 2, f. 1	Scrapbook contents [2 of 3]	1990-1994
b. 2, f. 2	Scrapbook contents [3 of 3]	1990-1994
b. 2, f. 3	Scrapbook contents [1 of 3]	1995-1996
b. 2, f. 4	Scrapbook contents [2 of 3]	1995-1996
b. 2, f. 5	Scrapbook contents [3 of 3]	1995-1996
b. 2, f. 6	Scrapbook contents	1997
b. 3, f. 1	Scrapbook	1975-1991
b. 3, f. 2	Scrapbook	1996-1997
b. 3, f. 3	Scrapbook	1998-1999
b. 4, f. 1	Scrapbook	1999-2000
b. 4, f. 2	Disc Makers And Trod Nossel Artist Services Congratulate Proof Of The Pudding On The Release of "Sweet or Hot"	2004
	Audio-visual materials	
b. 5	"How High the Moon" 1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)	Undated
b. 5	"Playing with Fire" 1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)	1998
b. 5	"Evidence" 1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)	2001

## Audio-visual materials (continued)

b. 5	"Rumblestrip, Disk 1" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2001
b. 5	"Rumblestrip, Disk 2" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2001
b. 5	"Rumblestrip" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2001
b. 5	"Alley Cats" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2003
b. 5	"Sweet or Hot" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2004
b. 5	"Chill and Serve" <i>1 CD-R (One (1) audio CD)</i>	2006-2007
b. 6	Unidentified master recording, Side A <i>1 Audiotape Reel (One (1) audiotape reel)</i>	Undated
b. 7	Unidentified master recording, Side B <i>1 Audiotape Reel (One (1) audiotape reel)</i>	Undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Students' songs  
Vocal groups  
Women college students

### **Corporate Body**

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