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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OHII

CREATOR: Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

TITLE: Charles Ives Oral History

DATES: 1968–1974

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 125 Computer Files

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Charles Ives Oral History was the first documentary oral history of an American composer. Interviews with sixty people who knew and worked with Charles Ives were conducted between 1968 and 1971, and this project was the impetus for the founding of Oral History of American Music (OHAM). Family, friends, neighbors, business associates, and musicians reminisce about one of the most significant artistic figures of the century. The project formed the basis of the award-winning book by Vivian Perlis, Charles Ives Remembered: An Oral History (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1974, and subsequently reprinted). Excerpts from the taped interviews were used in a five record package, “Charles Ives 100th Anniversary” (1974) and in a film documentary, “A Good Dissonance Like a Man” (1977).

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Related Collections
MSS 14, The Charles Ives Papers.
MSS 14 HSR, Charles Ives Rare and Non-Commercial Sound Recordings.

Scope and Contents
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General
65 interviews

Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of interviewee.
Collection Contents
Series I. Becker, Eugene

Becker, Eugene
Call Number: OHII 47 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 47 a-b
Washington, DC

Names:
Becker, Eugene D., 1919-1978
Series III. Bell, Mary

Bell, Mary
Call Number: OHII 44 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 47 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 44 a-c
New York, NY

Names:
   Bell, Mary
Series IV. Berger, Arthur

Berger, Arthur
Call Number: OHII 41 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 95 mins
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 41 a
Cambridge, MA

Names:
Berger, Arthur, 1912-2003
Series V. Berneri, Mrs. Samuel

Berneri, Mrs. Samuel
Call Number: OHII 56 a
Approximate Running Time: 59 mins
Transcript Page Count: 41 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
New York, NY

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Names:
  Berneri, Samuel, Mrs.
Series VIII. Carter, Elliott

Carter, Elliott
Call Number: OHII 14 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 80 mins
Transcript Page Count: 40 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 14 a-c
Waccabuc, NY

Names:
Carter, Elliott, 1908-2012
Series IX. Copland, Aaron

Copland, Aaron
Call Number: OHII 31 a
Approximate Running Time: 21 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 31 a
New Haven, CT

Names:
Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990
Series X. Deutsch, Nina

Deutsch, Nina
Call Number: OHII 59 a
Approximate Running Time: 51 mins
Sherman, Robert, interviewer
New York, NY

No CD or digital file for this interview could be found in Feb 2019 when reviewing this interview's metadata.

Names:
  Deutsch, Nina
Series XI. Engel, Lehman

Engel, Lehman  
Call Number: OHII 27 a  
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages  
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer  
[Aviary] OHII 27 a  
New York, NY  

Names:  
Engel, Lehman, 1910-1982
Farr, Charles
Call Number: OHII 39 a
Approximate Running Time: 12 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 39 a
New York, NY

Names:
  Farr, Charles
Flexner, James

Call Number: OHII 45 a

Approximate Running Time: 22 mins

Transcript Page Count: 40 pages

Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

New York, NY

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Fraser, Peter

Call Number: OHII 30 a-b

Approximate Running Time: 50 mins

Transcript Page Count: 29 pages

Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

[Aviary] OHII 30 a-b

Hartford, CT

Names:

Fraser, Peter
Grey, William
Call Number: OHII 43 a
Approximate Running Time: 15 mins
Transcript Page Count: 9 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 43 a
Redding, CT

Names:
  Grey, William
Series XVI. Hall, Arthur

Hall, Arthur
Call Number: OHII 48 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 55 mins
Transcript Page Count: 34 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 48 a-b
Houston, TX

Names:
   Hall, Arthur
Harrison, Lou
Call Number: OHII 36 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 129 mins
Transcript Page Count: 74 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 36 a-d
Aptos, CA

Names:
Harrison, Lou, 1917-2003
Hatch, Harold A.

Call Number: OHII 38 a

Approximate Running Time: 19 mins

Transcript Page Count: 10 pages

Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

[Aviary] OHII 38 a

Sharon, CT

Names:
  Hatch, Harold Ames
Series XIX. Herrmann, Bernard

Herrmann, Bernard  
Call Number: OHII 29 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 50 pages  
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer  
[Aviary] OHII 29 a-b  
New York, NY  
Names:  
Herrmann, Bernard, 1911-1975

1969 November 12

Herrmann, Bernard  
Call Number: OHII 29 c  
Approximate Running Time: 53 mins  
[Aviary] OHII 29 c  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Lecture on Charles Ives  
Names:  
Herrmann, Bernard, 1911-1975

1969 February 11
Series XXI. Ives, Bigelow

Ives, Bigelow
Call Number: OHII 7 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 45 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 7 a-b

Danbury, CT

Names:
Ives, Bigelow
Series XXII. Ives, Brewster

Ives, Brewster
Call Number: OHII 4 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 4 a-b
New York, NY

Names:
Ives, Brewster
Series XXIII. Ives, Charles

Ives, Charles
Call Number: OHII v1
New York, NY

Names:
Ives, Charles, 1874-1954
Series XXVI. Kauffman, Charles H.

Kauffman, Charles H.
Call Number: OHII 15 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 97 mins
Transcript Page Count: 73 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 15 a-c
Brookfield Centre, CT

Names:
   Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976
Series XXVII. Kirkpatrick, John

Kirkpatrick, John
Call Number: OHII 32 a-d
*Approximate Running Time: 120 mins*
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 32 a-d
New Haven, CT

Names:
Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

1970 February 6

Kirkpatrick, John
Call Number: OHII 32 e-f
*Approximate Running Time: 137 mins*
*Transcript Page Count: 27 pages*
[Aviary] OHII 32 e-f
New Haven, CT

Names:
Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

1970 February 18

Kirkpatrick, John
Call Number: OHII 32 g1-g2
*Approximate Running Time: 80 mins*
[Aviary] OHII 32 g1-g2
New Haven, CT

Names:
Kirkpatrick, John M.

1974 December 14

Kirkpatrick, John
Call Number: OHII 32 h
*Transcript Page Count: 27 pages*
New Haven, CT

Names:
Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

1976 April 21

Kirkpatrick, John
Call Number: OHII 32 i-k
*Approximate Running Time: 106 mins*
[Aviary] OHII 32 i-k
New Haven, CT

Ives Class - First Violin Sonata

Names:
Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

1971 October 19
Series XXVIII. La Pine, A.J.

La Pine, A.J.
Call Number: OHII 16 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 31 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 16 a
Bethel, CT

Names:
   La Pine, A.J.
Series XXIX. Langinger, Herman

Langinger, Herman
Call Number: OHII 60 a
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
Los Angeles, CA

Names:
Langinger, Herman

1975 March 1

Langinger, Herman
Call Number: OHII 60 b
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
Los Angeles, CA

Names:
Langinger, Herman

1977 January 15
Leduc, Monique Schmitz

Call Number: OHII 52 a-c

Approximate Running Time: 126 mins

Transcript Page Count: 81 pages

Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

[Aviary] OHII 52 a-b

Montreal, Canada

Names:

Leduc, Monique Schmitz

1971 May 18
Series XXXI. Lieberson, Goddard

Lieberson, Goddard
Call Number: OHII 28 a

Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 18 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

[Aviary] OHII 28 a
New York, NY

Names:
Lieberson, Goddard, 1911-1977

1969 October 23
Series XXXII. MacKenzie, Findlay (and Barbara)

MacKenzie, Findlay (and Barbara)
Call Number: OHII 54 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 95 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 54 a-c
Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Names:
  MacKenzie, Barbara, 1903-1975
  MacKenzie, Findlay

1971 October 28
Series XXXIII. Meeker, Debby

Meeker, Debby
Call Number: OHII 25 a
Approximate Running Time: 29 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 25 a
Washington, CT

Names:
Meeker, Debby
Moross, Jerome
Call Number: OHII 22 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer

New York, NY

Names:
Moross, Jerome, 1913-1983
Series XXXV. Myrick, Julian S.

Myrick, Julian S.
Call Number: OHII 1 a
Approximate Running Time: 48 mins
Transcript Page Count: 24 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 1 a
New York, NY
Names:
  Myrick, Julian S. (Julian Southall), 1880-1969

Myrick, Julian S.
Call Number: OHII 1 b
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 1 page
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 1 b
New York, NY
Names:
  Myrick, Julian S. (Julian Southall), 1880-1969

Myrick, Julian S.
Call Number: OHII 1 c
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 1 c
New York, NY
Names:
  Myrick, Julian S. (Julian Southall), 1880-1969
Series XXXVI. Nikoloric, Mrs. Artur

Nikoloric, Mrs. Artur  
Call Number: OHII 46 a  
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins  
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer  
[Aviary] OHII 46 a  
Kenwood, MD  

Names:  
  Nikoloric, Artur, Mrs.
Series XXXVII. Pickhardt, Mary Richard

Pickhardt, Mary Richard
Call Number: OHII 24 a
Approximate Running Time: 30 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 24 a
Washington, CT

Names:
Pickhardt, Mary Richard
Series XXXVIII. Roberts, George

Roberts, George
Call Number: OHII 12 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 66 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages
Maas, Martha, 1934-, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 12 a-b
Northport, L.I., NY

Names:
   Roberts, George
Series XXXIX. Roberts, Mrs. George

Roberts, Mrs. George
Call Number: OHII 13 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
Maas, Martha, 1934-, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 13 a
Northport, L.I., NY

Names:
  Roberts, George, Mrs.

1969 June 16
Series XLI. Ruggles, Carl

Ruggles, Carl
Call Number: OHII 6 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 53 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
Bennington, VT

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Series XLII. Ryder, Ely

Ryder, Ely
Call Number: OHII 20 a
Approximate Running Time: 13 mins
Transcript Page Count: 4 pages
[Brewster, NY]

Martha Maas
Series XLIII. Ryder, Will Mr. & Mrs

Ryder, Will Mr. & Mrs
Call Number: OHII 26 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 62 mins
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages

West Redding, CT

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Vivian Perlis
Series XLIV. Sanford, Gertrude

Sanford, Gertrude
Call Number: OHII 19 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
[Aviary] OHII 19 a
West Redding, CT
Martha Maas
Series XLV. Seeger, Charles

Seeger, Charles
Call Number: OHII 34 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 130 mins
[Aviary] OHII 34 a-c
SEE OH V #1 for all information
Series XLVI. Sipprell, Clara

Sipprell, Clara
Call Number: OHII 42 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 112 mins
Transcript Page Count: 61 pages

[Aviary] OHII 42 a
Manchester, VT

Vivian Perlis
Series XLVIII. Smith, Eugene W.

Smith, Eugene W.
Call Number: OHII 57
Transcript Page Count: 1 pages

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LI. Twichell, Mrs. Burton

Twichell, Mrs. Burton
Call Number: OHII 40 a
Approximate Running Time: 30 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages
[Aviary OHII 40 a]
New Haven, CT
Vivian Perlis

1970 September 18
Series LII. Tyler, Charles Ives

Tyler, Charles Ives
Call Number: OHII 33 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHII 33 a-b
Sheffield, MA
Vivian Perlis

1970 February 26
Series LIII. Tyler, George S.

Tyler, George S.
Call Number: OHII 8 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 12 pages
[Aviary] OHII 8 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1969 March 18
Series LV. Valentine, Mrs. Rodman S.

Valentine, Mrs. Rodman S.  
Call Number: OHII 49 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 62 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 45 pages  
[Aviary] OHII 49 a-b  
Refrigerio, TX  
Vivian Perlis
Van Wyck, Amelia
Call Number: OHII 2 a-b
*Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
*Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHII 2 a-b
Norwalk, CT
Vivian Perlis

Van Wyck, Amelia
Call Number: OHII 2 c
*Approximate Running Time: 65 mins
*Transcript Page Count: 33 pages
[Aviary] OHII 2 c
Norwalk, CT
Vivian Perlis
Series LVII. Verplanck, William Jr.

Verplanck, William Jr.
Call Number: OHII 50 a
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHII 50 a
University of Tennessee, TN
Vivian Perlis

1971 March 25
Series LVIII. Verplanck, Mrs. William

Verplanck, Mrs. William
Call Number: OHII 51 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 62 mins
Transcript Page Count: 47 pages

Knoxville, TN

Vivian Perlis
Series LX. Washburn, Watson

Washburn, Watson
Call Number: OHII 9 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHII 9 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
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.

**Occupations**
Composers -- United States -- 20th Century

**Subjects**
Ives, Charles, 1874-1954