Guide to the Charles Ives Oral History Collection

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OHII

**CREATOR:** Perlis, Vivian

**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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Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

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**Preferred Citation**

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
[Aviary] OHII 47 a-b
Washington, DC
Vivian Perlis
Series II. Becker, Mrs. John

Becker, Mrs. John
Call Number: OHII 58 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages
[Aviary] OHII 58 a-b
Evanston, IL
Vivian Perlis
Series IV. Berger, Arthur

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

1970 October 19
Series V. Berneri, Mrs. Samuel

Berneri, Mrs. Samuel
Call Number: OHII 56 a
Approximate Running Time: 59 mins
Transcript Page Count: 41 pages

New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Bronson, Louis

Call Number: OHII 18 a

Approximate Running Time: 28 mins

Transcript Page Count: 13 pages

New Haven, CT

Martha Maas

1969 July 28
Carter, Elliott
Call Number: OHII 14 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 80 mins
Transcript Page Count: 40 pages
[Aviary] OHII 14 a-c
Waccabuc, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series IX. Copland, Aaron

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

Vivian Perlis
Series X. Deutsch, Nina

Deutsch, Nina
Call Number: OHII 59 a
*Approximate Running Time: 51 mins*

New York, NY

Robert Sherman

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

Farr, Charles
Call Number: OHII 39 a
Approximate Running Time: 12 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
[Aviary] OHII 39 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XIV. Fraser, Peter

Fraser, Peter
Call Number: OHII 30 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 50 mins
Transcript Page Count: 29 pages
[Aviary] OHII 30 a-b
Hartford, CT
Vivian Perlis

1969 November 21
Series XV. Grey, William

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

1970 November 11
Series XVI. Hall, Arthur

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

1971 March 22
Series XVII. Harrison, Lou

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

1970 March 24
Hatch, Harold A.
Call Number: OHII 38 a
Approximate Running Time: 19 mins
Transcript Page Count: 10 pages

Sharon, CT
Vivian Perlis
Series XIX. Herrmann, Bernard

Herrmann, Bernard
Call Number: OHII 29 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 50 pages

[Aviary] OHII 29 a-b
Vivian Perlis

Herrmann, Bernard
Call Number: OHII 29 c
Approximate Running Time: 53 mins

[Aviary] OHII 29 c
Santa Barbara, CA

Lecture on Charles Ives
Hofmann, George
Call Number: OHII 23 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 97 mins
Transcript Page Count: 39 pages
[Aviary] OHII 23 a-c
Hagaman, NY
Martha Maas
Series XXIV. Ives, Chester

Ives, Chester
Call Number: OHII 10 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 64 mins
Transcript Page Count: 39 pages
[Aviary] OHII 10 a-b
Interview Location Darian, CT

Vivian Perlis
Series XXV. Ives, Richard

Ives, Richard
Call Number: OHII 11 a
Approximate Running Time: 30 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
[Aviary] OHII 11 a
Danbury, CT
Vivian Perlis

1969 February 6
Series XXVI. Kauffman, Charles H.

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

Date: 1969 June 30

Call Number: OHII 16 a

Approximate Running Time: 32 mins

Transcript Page Count: 31 pages

[Aviary] OHII 16 a

Bethel, CT

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXI. Lieberson, Goddard

Lieberson, Goddard  
Call Number: OHII 28 a  
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 18 pages

[Aviary OHII 28 a]

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIII. Meeker, Debby

Meeker, Debby
Call Number: OHII 25 a
Approximate Running Time: 29 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages

Washington, CT

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXV. Myrick, Julian S.

Myrick, Julian S.  
Call Number: OHII 1 a  
**Approximate Running Time:** 48 mins  
**Transcript Page Count:** 24 pages  
[Aviary] OHII 1 a  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

Myrick, Julian S.  
Call Number: OHII 1 b  
**Approximate Running Time:** 28 mins  
**Transcript Page Count:** 1 page  
[Aviary] OHII 1 b  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

Myrick, Julian S.  
Call Number: OHII 1 c  
**Approximate Running Time:** 32 mins  
**Transcript Page Count:** 19 pages  
[Aviary] OHII 1 c  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis
Nikoloric, Mrs. Artur
Call Number: OHII 46 a
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
[Aviary] OHII 46 a
Kenwood, MD
Vivian Perlis
Series XXXVII. Pickhardt, Mary Richard

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

Roberts, George
Call Number: OHII 12 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 66 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages

Northport, L.I., NY

Martha Maas
Series XL. Rudhyar, Dane

Rudhyar, Dane
Call Number: OHII 35 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 90 mins
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages
San Jacinto, CA
Vivian Perlis

1970 March 18
Ruggles, Carl
Call Number: OHII 6 a-b
*Approximate Running Time: 53 mins
*Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

Bennington, VT

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Vivian Perlis
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
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 XLVII. Slonimsky, Nicolas

Slonimsky, Nicolas
Call Number: OHII 5 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 57 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

[Aviary] OHII 5 a-b

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XLIX. Sunderland, Philip

Sunderland, Philip
Call Number: OHII 3 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
[Aviary] OHII 3 a
Danbury, CT
Vivian Perlis

1968 November 7
Thompson, John S.
Call Number: OHII 17 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 65 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages

[Aviary] OHII 17 a-b
Providence, RI
Martha Maas
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 LVI. Van Wyck, Amelia

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 LVIII. Verplanck, Mrs. William

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

[Aviary] OHII 51 a-b

Knoxville, TN

Vivian Perlis
Series LIX. Wallop, Lucille Fletcher

Wallop, Lucille Fletcher
Call Number: OHII 55 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 53 mins
Transcript Page Count: 14 pages
[Aviary] OHII 55 a-b
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

**Names**
Ives, Charles, 1815-1880