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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Oral History of American Music
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http://guides.library.yale.edu/oham/collectionsguide

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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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
Evanston, IL
Vivian Perlis
Series III. Bell, Mary

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

1970 December 10
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
Series VII. Buesing, Charles

Buesing, Charles

Call Number: OHII 21 a

Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages

[Aviary] OHII 21 a

New York, NY

Martha Maas
Series IX. Copland, Aaron

Copland, Aaron
Call Number: OHII 31 a
Approximate Running Time: 21 mins
Transcript Page Count: 17 pages
[Aviary] OHII 31 a
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 XI. Engel, Lehman

Engel, Lehman
Call Number: OHII 27 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages

[Aviary] OHII 27 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
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 XIII. Flexner, James

Flexner, James
Call Number: OHII 45 a
Approximate Running Time: 22 mins
Transcript Page Count: 40 pages

New York, NY

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Vivian Perlis
Series XIV. Fraser, Peter

1969 November 21

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
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 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]
New York, NY

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
Series XX. Hofmann, George

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
Ives, Bigelow
Call Number: OHII 7 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 45 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages
[Aviary] OHII 7 a-b
Danbury, 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. 1969 June 25
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
Series XXVII. Kirkpatrick, John

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

1970 February 6

Vivian Perlis

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

1970 February 18

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

1974 December 14

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

1976 April 21

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

1971 October 19

Ives Class - First Violin Sonata
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

[Aviary] OHII 16 a
Bethel, CT
Vivian Perlis
Series XXX. Leduc, Monique Schmitz

Leduc, Monique Schmitz
Call Number: OHII 52 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 126 mins
Transcript Page Count: 81 pages

Montreal, Canada

Vivian Perlis

1971 May 18
Series XXXI. Lieberson, Goddard

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

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

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

Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Vivian Perlis

1971 October 28
Moross, Jerome

Call Number: OHII 22 a

Approximate Running Time: 32 mins

Transcript Page Count: 22 pages

[Aviary] OHII 22 a

New York, NY

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
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
[Aviary] OHII 12 a-b
Northport, L.I., NY
Martha Maas
Roberts, Mrs. George
Call Number: OHII 13 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHII 13 a
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
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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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

1971 December 1
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
Smith, Eugene W.
Call Number: OHII 57
Transcript Page Count: 1 pages
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
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
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

1968 November 7

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

1968 November 21
Series LVII. Verplanck, William Jr.

Verplanck, William Jr.
Call Number: OHII 50 a
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

University of Tennesee, 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

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