Guide to the Charles Ives Oral History Collection

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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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Preferred Citation

Related Collections

MSS 14, The Charles Ives Papers.

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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 II. Becker, Mrs. John

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

Names:
   Becker, John, Mrs.
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

1970 October 19
Series V. Berneri, Mrs. Samuel

Berner, 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.
Bronson, Louis

Call Number: OHII 18 a

Approximate Running Time: 28 mins

Transcript Page Count: 13 pages

Maas, Martha, 1934-, interviewer

[Aviary] OHII 18 a

New Haven, CT

Names:

Bronson, Louis Henry
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
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
Series XII. Farr, Charles

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
Series XIII. Flexner, James

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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Grey, William
Call Number: OHII 43 a
Approximate Running Time: 15 mins
Transcript Page Count: 9 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
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
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

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
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

1905 May 27
Series XXV. Ives, Richard

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

Names:
Ives, Richard
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
 aproximating Running Time: 120 mins
Perl, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 32 a-d
New Haven, CT

Names:
  Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

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

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.

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

Names:
  Kirkpatrick, John, 1905-1991

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
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.

1969 June 30
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

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1975 March 1

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

Names:
Langinger, Herman
Series XXX. Leduc, Monique Schmitz

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-

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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
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
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
Series XXXIV. Moross, Jerome

Moross, Jerome
Call Number: OHII 22 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages
Perlis, Vivian, interviewer
[Aviary] OHII 22 a
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.

1971 January 29
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.
Series XL. Rudhyar, Dane

Rudhyar, Dane
Call Number: OHII 35 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 90 mins
Transcript Page Count: 42 pages
[Aviary] OHII 35 a-c
San Jacinto, CA
Vivian Perlis
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 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 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 LIV. Untermeyer, Louis

Untermeyer, Louis
Call Number: OHII 53 a
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
Transcript Page Count: 24 pages

Newton, CT
Vivian Perlis

1971 October 13
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 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
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

1969 April 18
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