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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Oral History of American Music  
P.O. Box 208307  
New Haven, CT 06520-8307  
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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.
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
Berner, Mrs. Samuel
Call Number: OHII 56 a
Approximate Running Time: 59 mins
Transcript Page Count: 41 pages
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series VI. Bronson, Louis

Bronson, Louis 1969 July 28
Call Number: OHII 18 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
[Aviary] OHII 18 a
New Haven, CT
Martha Maas
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 VIII. Carter, Elliott

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

1969 June 20
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

1970 January 30
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

1970 September 10
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
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
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
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
Series XVIII. Hatch, Harold A.

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

[Aviary] OHII 38 a

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
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

1969 September 13
Series XXI. Ives, Bigelow

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

1969 March 12
Series XXVI. Kauffman, Charles H.

Kauffman, Charles H.  
Call Number: OHII 15 a-c  
Approximate Running Time: 97 mins  
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Brookfield Centre, CT  
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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

1969 June 30
### Series XXIX. Langinger, Herman

Langinger, Herman  
Call Number: OHII 60 a  
*Transcript Page Count: 25 pages*  
Los Angeles, CA  
Vivian Perlis  
1975 March 1

| Langinger, Herman  
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| *Transcript Page Count: 15 pages*  
| Los Angeles, CA  
| Vivian Perlis  
| 1977 January 15 |
Series XXX. Leduc, Monique Schmitz

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

Montreal, Canada

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIII. Meeker, Debby

Meeker, Debby
Call Number: OHII 25 a
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Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
[Aviary] OHII 25.a
Washington, CT
Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIV. Moross, Jerome

Moross, Jerome
Call Number: OHII 22 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 22 pages

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1969 September 19
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  

1968 October 14

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  

1968 November 4

Myrick, Julian S.  
Call Number: OHII 1 c  
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages  
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New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1968 December 11
Series XXXVI. Nikoloric, Mrs. Artur

Nikoloric, Mrs. Artur
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Approximate Running Time: 31 mins
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Kenwood, MD

Vivian Perlis

1971 January 29
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 XXXIX. Roberts, Mrs. George

Roberts, Mrs. George
Call Number: OHII 13 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
Northport, L.I., NY

1969 June 16

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
Series XLI. Ruggles, Carl

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

1969 February 28
Series XLII. Ryder, Ely

Ryder, Ely
Call Number: OHII 20 a
Approximate Running Time: 13 mins
Transcript Page Count: 4 pages
Aviary OHII 20 a
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
Vivian Perlis

1969 October 9
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

1969 July 29
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

1969 January 29

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

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XLIX. Sunderland, Philip

Sunderland, Philip
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Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
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Danbury, CT
Vivian Perlis

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Series L. Thompson, John S.

Thompson, John S.
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Providence, RI

Martha Maas
Series LV. Valentine, Mrs. Rodman S.

Valentine, Mrs. Rodman S.
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[Aviary] OHII 49 a-b
Refrigerio, TX
Vivian Perlis

1971 March 23
Series LVI. Van Wyck, Amelia

Van Wyck, Amelia
Call Number: OHII 2 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

Norwalk, CT
Vivian Perlis

Van Wyck, Amelia
Call Number: OHII 2 c
Approximate Running Time: 65 mins
Transcript Page Count: 33 pages

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

University of Tennesee, TN

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
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

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