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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Conditions Governing Use

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

1970 September 10
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
Fraser, Peter
Call Number: OHII 30 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 50 mins
Transcript Page Count: 29 pages
Hartford, CT
Vivian Perlis

1969 November 21
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
[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
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
Ives, Brewster

Call Number: OHII 4 a-b

Approximate Running Time: 63 mins

Transcript Page Count: 13 pages

[Aviary] OHII 4 a-b

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
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

1969 July 5
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

1969 June 25
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1970 February 18
1974 December 14
1976 April 21
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
[Aviary] OHII 16 a
Bethel, CT
Vivian Perlis
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
Call Number: OHII 60 b
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 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

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

MacKenzie, Findlay (and Barbara)  1971 October 28
Call Number: OHII 54 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 95 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages

Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXIII. Meeker, Debby

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

Vivian Perlis

1969 September 24
Series XXXIV. Moross, Jerome

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
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

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

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

1968 October 14
1968 November 4
1968 December 11
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

1969 September 24
Roberts, Mrs. George
Call Number: OHII 13 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 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
[Aviary] OHII 35 a-c
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
Ryder, Ely
Call Number: OHII 20 a
Approximate Running Time: 13 mins
Transcript Page Count: 4 pages
Brewster, NY
Martha Maas
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 XLVIII. Smith, Eugene W.

Smith, Eugene W.
Call Number: OHII 57
Transcript Page Count: 1 pages
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
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
Untermeyer, Louis  
Call Number: OHII 53 a  
Approximate Running Time: 31 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 24 pages  
Aviary OHII 53 a  
Newton, CT  
Vivian Perlis
Series LV. Valentine, Mrs. Rodman S.

1971 March 23

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
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 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 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
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