Guide to the Aaron Copland Oral History

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**CALL NUMBER:** OHVI  
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**TITLE:** Aaron Copland Oral History  
**DATES:** 1948–1989  
**BULK DATES:** 1980–1989  
**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 141 Computer Files  
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**SUMMARY:** The Aaron Copland Oral History comprises approximately 75 interviews with colleagues, friends, and family of Aaron Copland (note: for interviews with Copland himself, see the Major Figures in American Music collection). Oral History of American Music (OHAM) founder Vivian Perlis first became friends with Copland while working on the Charles Ives Oral History. Copland later wrote the preface for her book, Charles Ives Remembered. As the Ives project finished, Perlis focused on Copland as her new subject. From 1975 to 1976, she conducted many hours of interviews with Copland and those closest to him. Finally, in 1984 and 1989, their efforts culminated in the autobiographies, Copland: 1900 through 1942 and Copland: Since 1943, co-authored by Perlis.

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Scope and Contents

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General

68 interviews

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of interviewee.
Collection Contents
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Baker, Caroll
Call Number: OHVI 951 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 951 a
By telephone

Vivian Perlis
Series II. Bean, Betty

Bean, Betty
Call Number: OHVI 943 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 943 a
New York, NY
William Owens

1983 August 3
Series V. Bernstein, Leonard

Bernstein, Leonard
Call Number: OHVI 962 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 149 mins
[Aviary] OHVI 962 a-d

1983 September 22
Series VII. Clurman, Harold

Clurman, Harold
Call Number: OHVI 901 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 105 mins
Transcript Page Count: 50 pages
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 May 20
Series VIII. Conroy, William

Conroy, William
Call Number: OHVI 920 a
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 920 a
Yale Club, New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series IX. Copland, Irving

Copland, Irving
Call Number: OHVI 917 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 38 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 917 a-b
Roosevelt Island, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 April 7
Series XIV. De Mille, Agnes

De Mille, Agnes
Call Number: OHVI 904 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 46 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 904 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1980 June 25
Series XVII. Diamond, David

Diamond, David
Call Number: OHVI 907 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 112 mins
Transcript Page Count: 49 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 907 a-c
Juilliard, New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Dreiblatt, Martha
Call Number: OHVI 923 a
Approximate Running Time: 45 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 923 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XX. Duke, John

Duke, John
Call Number: OHVI 944 a
Approximate Running Time: 12 mins
Transcript Page Count: 5 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 944 a
Northampton, MA
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1982 December 8
Series XXI. Engel, Lehman

Engel, Lehman
Call Number: OHVI 928 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 928 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 June 4
Series XXIII. Fine, Verna

Fine, Verna
Call Number: OHVI 931 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 72 mins
Transcript Page Count: 34 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 931 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1981 November 7

Fine, Verna
Call Number: OHVI 931 c-e
Approximate Running Time: 135 mins
Transcript Page Count: 82 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 931 c-e
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1987 November 9
Series XXIV. Fizdale, Robert

Fizdale, Robert
Call Number: OHVI 936 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 73 mins
Transcript Page Count: 25 pages

New York, NY

William Owen
Series XXV. Foss, Lukas

Foss, Lukas
Call Number: OHVI 948 a
Approximate Running Time: 41 mins
Transcript Page Count: 19 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 948 a
New Haven, CT

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Series XXVI. Franchetti, Arnold

Franchetti, Arnold
Call Number: OHVI 927 a
Approximate Running Time: 40 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 927 a

Lyme, CT

William Owen
Series XXVIII. Furman, Selma

Furman, Selma
Call Number: OHVI 909 a
Approximate Running Time: 43 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 909 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 December 13
Series XXXII. Gould, Morton

Gould, Morton
Call Number: OHVI 935 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
[Aviary] OHVI 935 a-b
Great Neck, NY
William Owen

1982 April 23
Series XXXIV. Hawkins, Erick

Hawkins, Erick
Call Number: OHVI 940 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 86 mins
Transcript Page Count: 39 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 940 a-b

Vivian Perlis

1985 November 26
Series XXXVII. Kober, John

Kober, John
Call Number: OHVI 919 a
Approximate Running Time: 23 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 919 a

Garden City

Vivian Perlis

1981 April 22
Series XXXVIII. Kraut, Harry

Kraut, Harry
Call Number: OHVI 954 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 96 mins
Transcript Page Count: 40 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 954 a-b
Vivian Perlis

1987 July 21
Lescaze, Mary
Call Number: OHVI 903 a
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 903 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XLI. Lewis, Bobby

Lewis, Bobby  
Call Number: OHVI 924 a  
Approximate Running Time: 35 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 14 pages  
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New York, NY  
William Owen

1981 May 12
Series XLIII. Marlin, Felice

Marlin, Felice
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[Aviary] OHVI 918 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Mittenthal, Arnold
Call Number: OHVI 915 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 60 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 915 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 January 15
Series XLV. Moor, Paul

Moor, Paul
Call Number: OHVI 939 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 97 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 939 a-b
Peakskill, NY
Vivian Perlis

1982 June 1

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Approximate Running Time: 86 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 939 c-d
Peakskill, NY
Vivian Perlis

1982 January 7
Series XLVI. Moross, Jerome

Moross, Jerome
Call Number: OHVI 926 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 926 a
New York, NY

William Owen
Series XLVII. O'Donnell, May

O'Donnell, May  
Call Number: OHVI 950 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 94 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 54 pages  
[Aviary] OHVI 950 a-b  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis

1986 January 23
Series L. Perry, Tod

Perry, Tod
Call Number: OHVI 955 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 93 mins
Transcript Page Count: 44 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 955 a-b
West Stockbridge, MA
Vivian Perlis

1987 July 31
Series LI. Pope, Stuart

Pope, Stuart
Call Number: OHVI 958 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 92 mins
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[Aviary] OHVI 958 a-b

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1988 July 7
Shapero, Harold
Call Number: OHVI 908 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 73 mins
Transcript Page Count: 33 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 908 a-b
Natick, MA
Vivian Perlis
1980 October 4
Series LVIII. Siegmeister, Elie

Siegmeister, Elie
Call Number: OHVI 934 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 62 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 934 a-b
Great Neck, NY

William Owen

1982 January 26
Series LXI. Thomson, Virgil

Thomson, Virgil
Call Number: OHVI 902 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 56 mins
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Chelsea Hotel, New York, NY
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Occupations
Composers -- United States -- 20th Century

Subjects
Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990