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General

68 interviews

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of interviewee.
Collection Contents
Series I. Baker, Caroll

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 III. Berger, Arthur

Berger, Arthur
Call Number: OHVI 932 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 28 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 932 a-b
Cambridge, MA

Vivian Perlis
Series VII. Clurman, Harold

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

1981 March 26
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 XII. Daniel, Minna Lederman

Daniel, Minna Lederman
Call Number: OHVI 905 a
Approximate Running Time: 42 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1980 September 17

Daniel, Minna Lederman
Call Number: OHVI 905 b
Approximate Running Time: 36 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1980 October 24
Series XV. Del Tredici, David

Del Tredici, David
Call Number: OHVI 938 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
New Haven, CT

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Vivian Perlis
Series XVI. Denby, Edwin

Denby, Edwin
Call Number: OHVI 910 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 82 mins
Transcript Page Count: 31 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 910 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1980 December 6
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  

1980 November 10
Series XVIII. Dreiblatt, Martha

Dreiblatt, Martha
Call Number: OHVI 923 a
Approximate Running Time: 45 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages

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
Richard Miratti

1982 December 8
Feld, Eliot
Call Number: OHVI 913 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 52 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 913 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 January 7
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
[Aviary] OHVI 936 a-b
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

New Haven, CT

Vivian Perlis
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
Series XXX. Ginastera, Alberto

Ginastera, Alberto
Call Number: OHVI 946 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 70 mins
Transcript Page Count: 15 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 946 a-b
New York, NY

William Owen
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
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

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Johns, Erik
Call Number: OHVI 937 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 52 mins
Transcript Page Count: 14 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 937 a-b
Carmel, NY
William Owen

1981 November 3
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
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
Palmer, Robert
Call Number: OHVI 941 a
Approximate Running Time: 32 mins
Transcript Page Count: 16 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 941.a
By telephone
Vivian Perlis

1983 May 12
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
Transcript Page Count: 45 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 958 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1988 July 7
Series LII. Ramey, Phillip

Ramey, Phillip  
Call Number: OHVI 956 a-d  
Approximate Running Time: 115 mins  
Transcript Page Count: 64 pages  
[Aviary] OHVI 956 a-d  
New York, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1987 November 10
Series LIII. Robbins, Jerome

Robbins, Jerome
Call Number: OHVI 912 a
Approximate Running Time: 30 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 912 a

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LV. Schuman, William

Schuman, William
Call Number: OHVI 942 a
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 942 a
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series LVI. Shanet, Howard

Shanet, Howard

Call Number: OHVI 957 a-d
Approximate Running Time: 129 mins
Transcript Page Count: 51 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 957 a-d

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LVII. Shapero, Harold

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
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 LX. Sykes, Gerald

Sykes, Gerald
Call Number: OHVI 906 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 78 mins
Transcript Page Count: 30 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 906 a-b
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series LXI. Thomson, Virgil

Thomson, Virgil
Call Number: OHVI 902 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 56 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 902 a-b

Chelsea Hotel, New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1979 June 6
Series LXII. Uris, Harold

Uris, Harold
Call Number: OHVI 911 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 14 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 911 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1980 November 25
Series LXIII. Walker, David

Walker, David
Call Number: OHVI 959 a
Approximate Running Time: 6 mins
Transcript Page Count: 3 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 959 a
Weston, CT
Vivian Perlis

1988 September 27
Warfield, William
Call Number: OHVI 961 a
Approximate Running Time: 25 mins
Transcript Page Count: 12 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 961 a
By telephone
Vivian Perlis

Warfield, William
Call Number: OHVI 961 b
Boston, MA
Matthew Pfeiffenberger

1989 February 8

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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
Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990