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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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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 II. Bean, Betty

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

1983 August 3
Bernier, Rosamond
Call Number: OHVI 933 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 74 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 933 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1983 February 3
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

1979 May 20
Series XII. Daniel, Minna Lederman

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

Daniel, Minna Lederman
Call Number: OHVI 905 b
Approximate Running Time: 36 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 905 b
New York, NY
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
Diamond, David
Call Number: OHVI 907 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 112 mins
Transcript Page Count: 49 pages
Juilliard, New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1980 November 10
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

1981 May 20
Series XIX. Druckman, Jacob

Druckman, Jacob
Call Number: OHVI 965 a
Vivian Perlis

1985
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
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
Series XXII. Feld, Eliot

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

1982 February 15
Series XXVII. Friedman, Madeleine

Friedman, Madeleine
Call Number: OHVI 922 a
Approximate Running Time: 35 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 922 a

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
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 XXXIII. Haieff, Alexei

Haieff, Alexei
Call Number: OHVI 916 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 81 mins
Transcript Page Count: 32 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 916 a-c
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
Series XXXV. Heinsheimer, Hans

Heinsheimer, Hans
Call Number: OHVI 921 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 921 a
New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1981 March 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
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
Lang, Pearl
Call Number: OHVI 945 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 55 mins
Transcript Page Count: 26 pages

Vivian Perlis

1985 December 19
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

1981 May 12

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

William Owen
Series XLIII. Marlin, Felice

Marlin, Felice  
Call Number: OHVI 918 a-b  
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins  
[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]  
Peekskill, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1982 June 1

Moor, Paul  
Call Number: OHVI 939 c-d  
**Approximate Running Time: 86 mins**  
**Transcript Page Count: 15 pages**  
[Aviary OHVI 939 c-d]  
Peekskill, NY  
Vivian Perlis  

1982 January 7
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
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 XLVIII. Orbon, Julian

Orbon, Julian
Call Number: OHVI 930 a
Approximate Running Time: 47 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 930 a
New York, NY
William Owen
Series XLIX. Palmer, Robert

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
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

1980 June 19
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

1987 November 17
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
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
Series LXIII. Walker, David

Walkers, David
Call Number: OHVI 959 a
Approximate Running Time: 6 mins
Transcript Page Count: 3 pages

Weston, CT
Vivian Perlis

1988 September 27
Series LXIV. Warfield, William

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

2002 April 27
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