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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
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
[Aviary] OHVI 943 a
New York, NY
William Owens
Series IV. Bernier, Rosamond

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
Series VI. Burkat, Leonard

Burkat, Leonard
Call Number: OHVI 952 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 76 mins
Transcript Page Count: 30 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 952 a-b
Danbury, CT
Vivian Perlis

1986 March 26
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 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

1980 September 17

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

1980 October 24
**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
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
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 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

[Aviary] OHVI 948 a  
New Haven, CT  
Vivian Perlis  

1986 November 4
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
Gould, Morton

Call Number: OHVI 935 a-b

Approximate Running Time: 71 mins

[Aviary OHVI 935 a-b]

Great Neck, NY

William Owen
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

1981 February 26
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
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
Marlin, Felice

Call Number: OHVI 918 a-b

Approximate Running Time: 44 mins

[Aviary] OHVI 918 a-b

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1981 April 22
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
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

1982 March 29
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
Series XLVII. 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
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
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
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 LIX. Smit, Leo

Smit, Leo
Call Number: OHVI 914 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 119 mins
Transcript Page Count: 51 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 914 a-c
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1981 January 29
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 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
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

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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
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