Guide to the Aaron Copland Oral History

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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

1983 August 3
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

1981 November 13
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 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
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 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
Del Tredici, David
Call Number: OHVI 938 a
Approximate Running Time: 28 mins
Transcript Page Count: 13 pages
New Haven, CT
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
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
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 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
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

1981 May 4
Garfein, Jack
Call Number: OHVI 953 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
Transcript Page Count: 36 pages

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis
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

1981 November 23
Series XXXI. Goldstein, Sylvia

Goldstein, Sylvia
Call Number: OHVI 960 a-b
Transcript Page Count: 44 pages

New York, NY

Vivian Perlis

1989 January 5
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

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 XXXVI. Johns, Erik

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
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
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
[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

1981 April 22
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
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 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 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 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 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
Series LX. Sykes, Gerald

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

1980 October 24
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
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