Guide to the Aaron Copland Oral History

OHVI

Compiled by Anne Rhodes

2016-03-21

P.O. Box 208307
New Haven, CT 06520-8307
music@yale.edu
http://guides.library.yale.edu/oham/collectionsguide
# Table of Contents

Collection Overview ........................................................................................................... 4
Administrative Information ............................................................................................... 4
  Conditions Governing Access ......................................................................................... 4
  Conditions Governing Use ............................................................................................. 4
  Preferred Citation ........................................................................................................... 5
Scope and Contents ............................................................................................................ 5
General ............................................................................................................................. 5
Arrangement ....................................................................................................................... 5
Collection Contents .......................................................................................................... 6
  Series I. Baker, Caroll ..................................................................................................... 6
  Series II. Bean, Betty ...................................................................................................... 7
  Series III. Berger, Arthur ............................................................................................... 8
  Series IV. Bernier, Rosamond ......................................................................................... 9
  Series V. Bernstein, Leonard .......................................................................................... 10
  Series VI. Burkat, Leonard ............................................................................................ 11
  Series VII. Clurman, Harold ......................................................................................... 12
  Series VIII. Conroy, William ......................................................................................... 13
  Series IX. Copland, Irving ............................................................................................. 14
  Series X. Copland, Milton ............................................................................................. 15
  Series XI. Curtin, Phyllis ............................................................................................... 16
  Series XII. Daniel, Minna Lederman ............................................................................. 17
  Series XIII. Davidovsky, Mario ..................................................................................... 18
  Series XIV. De Mille, Agnes ......................................................................................... 19
  Series XV. Del Tredici, David ....................................................................................... 20
  Series XVI. Denby, Edwin ............................................................................................. 21
  Series XVII. Diamond, David ....................................................................................... 22
  Series XVIII. Dreblatt, Martha ...................................................................................... 23
  Series XIX. Druckman, Jacob ......................................................................................... 24
  Series XX. Duke, John ................................................................................................. 25
  Series XXI. Engel, Lehman ............................................................................................ 26
  Series XXII. Feld, Eliot ................................................................................................. 27
  Series XXIII. Fine, Verna .............................................................................................. 28
  Series XXIV. Fizdale, Robert ......................................................................................... 29
  Series XXV. Foss, Lukas ............................................................................................... 30
  Series XXVI. Franchetti, Arnold .................................................................................... 31
  Series XXVII. Friedman, Madeleine .............................................................................. 32
  Series XXVIII. Furman, Selma ..................................................................................... 33
  Series XXIX. Garfein, Jack ........................................................................................... 34
  Series XXX. Ginastera, Alberto ..................................................................................... 35
  Series XXXI. Goldstein, Sylvia ...................................................................................... 36
  Series XXXII. Gould, Morton ......................................................................................... 37
  Series XXXIII. Haieff, Alexei ......................................................................................... 38
  Series XXXIV. Hawkins, Erick ..................................................................................... 39
  Series XXXV. Heinshheimer, Hans ............................................................................... 40
  Series XXXVI. Johns, Erik ............................................................................................ 41
  Series XXXVII. Kober, John ........................................................................................ 42
  Series XXXVIII. Kraut, Harry ....................................................................................... 43
  Series XXXIX. Lang, Pearl ............................................................................................ 44
  Series XL. Lescaze, Mary ............................................................................................. 45
  Series XLI. Lewis, Bobby .............................................................................................. 46
  Series XLII. Manziarly, Marcelle de ............................................................................. 47
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Series</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>XLIII</td>
<td>Marlin, Felice</td>
<td>48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLIV</td>
<td>Mittenthal, Arnold</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLV</td>
<td>Moor, Paul</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLVI</td>
<td>Moross, Jerome</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLVII</td>
<td>O'Donnell, May</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLVIII</td>
<td>Orbon, Julian</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XLIX</td>
<td>Palmer, Robert</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>Perry, Tod</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LI</td>
<td>Pope, Stuart</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LII</td>
<td>Ramey, Phillip</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIII</td>
<td>Robbins, Jerome</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIV</td>
<td>Rorem, Ned</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LV</td>
<td>Schuman, William</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVI</td>
<td>Shanet, Howard</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVII</td>
<td>Shapero, Harold</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVIII</td>
<td>Siegmeister, Elie</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIX</td>
<td>Smit, Leo</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LX</td>
<td>Sykes, Gerald</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LXI</td>
<td>Thomson, Virgil</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LXII</td>
<td>Uris, Harold</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LXIII</td>
<td>Walker, David</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LXIV</td>
<td>Warfield, William</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Selected Search Terms</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Oral History of American Music
P.O. Box 208307
New Haven, CT 06520-8307
musicspecialcollections@yale.edu
http://guides.library.yale.edu/oham/collectionsguide

CALL NUMBER: OHVI

CREATOR: Perlis, Vivian

TITLE: Aaron Copland Oral History

DATES: 1948–1989

BULK DATES: 1980–1989

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 141 Computer Files

LANGUAGE: English

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.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/oham.ohvi

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research. Streaming access to sound recordings in this collection is available when connected to the Yale network, or otherwise by request.

Conditions Governing Use

Rights and permissions for Oral History of American Music materials vary between individual interviews. Researchers wishing to publish or broadcast Oral History of American Music materials are responsible for obtaining direct authorization from copyright holders: generally, the interviewees or their estates.
Preferred Citation


Scope and Contents

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.

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
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 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 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
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 XIII. Davidovsky, Mario

Davidovsky, Mario
Call Number: OHVI 929 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 62 mins
Transcript Page Count: 21 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 929 a-b
Columbia University, New York, NY

William Owen
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 XIX. Druckman, Jacob

Druckman, Jacob
Call Number: OHVI 965 a
Vivian Perlis

1985
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
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

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
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

1981 June 25
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 XXIX. Garfein, Jack

Garfein, Jack
Call Number: OHVI 953 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
Transcript Page Count: 36 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 953 a-b

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
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
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  
[Aviary] OHVI 924 a  
New York, NY  
William Owen  

1981 May 12
Series XLIII. Marlin, Felice

Marlin, Felice 1981 April 22
Call Number: OHVI 918 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 44 mins
AVAIRY OHVI 918 a-b
New York, NY
Vivian Perlis
Series XLIV. Mittenthal, Arnold

Mittenthal, Arnold
Call Number: OHVI 915 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 60 mins
Transcript Page Count: 23 pages

[Vivian Perlis]

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 XLVI. Moross, Jerome

Moross, Jerome
Call Number: OHVI 926 a
Approximate Running Time: 33 mins
Transcript Page Count: 11 pages

William Owen
Orbon, Julian
Call Number: OHVI 930 a
Approximate Running Time: 47 mins
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages

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

West Stockbridge, MA

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

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 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
Transcript Page Count: 20 pages
[Aviary] OHVI 902 a-b
Chelsea Hotel, New York, NY
Vivian Perlis

1979 June 6
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 Pfeifferberger
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