Guide to the Aaron Copland Oral History

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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 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 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
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
Series X. Copland, Milton

Copland, Milton
Call Number: OHVI 925 a
Approximate Running Time: 21 mins
Transcript Page Count: 10 pages

1981 June 2

New York, NY

William Owens
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 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
Series XXI. Engel, Lehman

Engel, Lehman
Call Number: OHVI 928a-b
Approximate Running Time: 63 mins
Transcript Page Count: 27 pages

[Aviary] OHVI 928a-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
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

[Lyme, CT]

William Owen
Series XXXII. Gould, Morton

Gould, Morton
Call Number: OHVI 935 a-b
Approximate Running Time: 71 mins
Great Neck, NY
William Owen

1982 April 23
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
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

1981 May 12
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 XLIV. Mittenthal, Arnold

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

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
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 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 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

1987 July 31
Series LIV. Rorem, Ned

Rorem, Ned
Call Number: OHVI 949 a-c
Approximate Running Time: 76 mins
Transcript Page Count: 35 pages
[Aviary OHVI 949 a-c]
New Haven, CT
Vivian Perlis

1987 January 21
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
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
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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Composers -- United States -- 20th Century

Subjects
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