

Guide to Collection of historical wire recordings

MSS 158



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MSS 158

TITLE: Historical Wire Recordings Collection

DATES: 1949-1952

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 40 Audio Wire Reels

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY:

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
■■■■ item barcode

Administrative Information

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Arrangement









The collection is arranged into series according to broadcast company.

Collection Contents
NBC Broadcast

b. Box 1,  39002038326147	NBC Broadcast (?): Railroad Hour: Count Desilo (?); Countess Maritza <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Hines, Jerome, 1921-2003 , performer Lurene Tuttle (?), William Johnston, Enrique Carman (?), Gene Halloway, Blanche Thebom, Jerome Heins, Gordon McRae	1952 March 31
b. Box 1,  39002038326048	NBC Broadcast: Telephone Hour with Jerome Hines <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Hines, Jerome, 1921-2003 , host Ponselle, Rosa, 1897-1981 , performer Rodgers and Hammerstein: Oklahoma - Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'. Mozart: Piano Sonata No. 11 in A Major "Rondo a la Turk" - arrangement for orchestra. Santa Lucia. Mozart: Don Giovanni. Victor Herbert: The Red Mill	1952 March 31
b. Box 1,  39002038326139	NBC Broadcast (?) Songs from the Firestone (?); Telephone Hour (?) <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Bell Telephone Orchestra , performer Johann Strauss II: Die Fledermaus - "Rosalinda"; Sandra Gould, Howard McNear, William Reeve. Jerome Kern: Sally - "Look for the Silver Lining"; Risë Stevens and the Firestone Chorus. "Sweet and Low"; performer announcement cut off. Donizetti: La favorite - "O mio Fernando"; Risë Stevens. Ernesto Lecuona: Ciboné(???); Risë Stevens. Paint Your Wagon - "I Still See Eliza"; Ezio Pinza. Beethoven: "In questa tomba oscura"; Ezio Pinza. Cavalli: ???; Ezio Pinza, Donald Voorhees, Bell Telephone Orchestra	1952 April 14
b. Box 3,  39002038326766	NBC Broadcast: NBC Symphony Orchestra, cond. Arturo Toscanini <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC Symphony Orchestra , performer Toscanini, Arturo, 1867-1957 , conductor Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn; Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E minor	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326683	NBC Broadcast: NBC Symphony Orchestra, cond. Massimo Freccia <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC Symphony Orchestra , performer Freccia, Massimo, 1906-2004 , conductor Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture; Haydn: Symphony No. 101; Liszt: Les Preludes	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326758	NBC Broadcast from the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood, Lennox, MA; Ben Grauer, announcer; Boston Symphony Orchestra; Serge Koussevitzky, cond.; second in a series of five Tanglewood concerts <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Boston Symphony Orchestra , performer Koussevitzky, Serge, 1874-1951 , conductor Mozart: Symphony No. 31 in D Major "Paris," k. 297/300a. Mozart: Symphony No. 39 in Eb Major, k. 543	1949 July 24
b. Box 3,  39002038326717	NBC Broadcast: NBC Symphony Orchestra, cond. Arturo Toscanini <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC Symphony Orchestra , performer Toscanini, Arturo, 1867-1957 , conductor Mozart: Overture to Magic Flute; Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat	undated

b. Box 3,  39002038326709	NBC Broadcast: NBC String Quartet <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC String Quartet , performer Haydn: String Quartet in G Major, op. 76, no. 1; Haydn: String Quartet op. 33, no. 3 "The Bird"	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326733b. Box 3,  39002038326741	NBC Broadcast: NBC Symphony Orchestra, NBC String Quartet <i>2 Audio Wire Reels</i> NBC Symphony Orchestra , performer NBC String Quartet , performer First piece unknwon; Mozart: String Quartet No. 22 in B-flat, KV 589; Mozart: String Quartet No. 21 in D, "Minuetto," KV 575	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326675	NBC Broadcast; NBC String Quartet <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC String Quartet , performer Beethoven: String Quartet No. 10 in E-flat, op. 74; Haydn: String Quartet in F, op. 27, no. 2	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326659	NBC Broadcast: NBC String Quartet <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC String Quartet , performer Schubert: String Quartet in E-flat, op. 125; Haydn: String Quartet no. 83 "Ultimate," op 103	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326626	Hollywood Bowl Concert (3rd in Series of 8); NBC Radio: Symphonies Under the Stars; NBC Broadcast: NBC String Quartet. <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra , performer NBC String Quartet , performer Wallenstein, Alfred, 1898-1983 , conductor Menuhin, Yehudi, 1916-1999 , conductor Weber: Overture to Der Freishütz; Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra, (Alfred Wallenstein, cond.); Zoltan Kodaly: Hary Janos Suite; Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra; Mendehlsohn: Violin Concerto; Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra; Yehudi Menuhin (cond.?); Mozart: String Quartet in F Major k. 590; NBC String Quartet	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326600	NBC Broadcast: NBC String Quartet <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC String Quartet , performer Haydn: String Quartet No. 74 in G, op. 77 no. 1; Schumann (arr. Cooley): Bird as Prophet	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326592	NBC Broadcast: NBC String Quartet <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> NBC String Quartet , performer Juan de Aragüés: String Quartet No. 1 in D minor	undated




Metropolitan Opera Broadcast

b. Box 1,  39002038326162	Met Broadcast (?) <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Verdi: Don Carlo	1952 April 5
b. Box 1,  39002038326154	ABC Baltimore: Met Broadcast (?) Auditions (?) <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Cleva, Fausto (19020517-19710806) , conductor ABC Symphony Orchestra , performer Richard Wagner: Lohengrin - Intro to Act III; unknown piece (Eleanor Steber); Giuseppe Verdi: La forza del destino - "Fatal Urn of My Destiny" (Arthur Butney); "La mento de Federico" (Charles Anthony); Ruggero Leoncavallo: Zaza - "Piccola zingara" (?) (Arthur Butney); Giacomo Puccini: Tosca - "Recondita armonia" (Charles Anthony); Puccini: La bohème - "Ah Mimi..." (Charles Anthony and Arthur Butney): ABC Symphony, cond. Fausto Cleva	1952 April 1
b. Box 2,  39002038326188b. Box 2,  39002038326196b. Box 2,  39002038326204b. Box 2,  39002038326212	Met Broadcast: saturday matinee period (continued), cond. Fritz Stiedry <i>4 Audio Wire Reels</i> Stiedry, Fritz , conductor Hines, Jerome, 1921-2003 , performer Richard Wagner: Parsifal (Jerome Hines, Hans Hope, Hans Horter, Paul Frank, Margaret Harshaw)	1952 April 12
b. Box 3,  39002038326634b. Box 3,  39002038326642	Met Broadcast test (?) <i>4 Audio Wire Reels</i> Stevens, Risë, 1913-2013 , performer Browning, Lucielle , performer Georges Bizet: Carmen (Lucielle Browning, Risë Stevens)	unknown

miscellaneous broadcasts

b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326030	Gianni Schicchi <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Puccini, Giacomo, 1858-1924 , composer Puccini: Gianni Schicchi	1949 March 12
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326121	Sermon and church service, possibly at Hamilton Presbyterian Church <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i>	1951 May 13
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326055	Unknown soprano [probably Rosa Ponselle] informally singing with piano <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Ponselle, Rosa, 1897-1981 , performer Italian songs; the first part of "D'amor sull'ali rosee" from Verdi's <i>Il Trovatore</i> ; "Some Enchanted Evening" from Rogers and Hammerstein's <i>South Pacific</i>	1951 May 28
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326063	Open House with Rosa Ponselle <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Ponselle, Rosa, 1897-1981 , performer Ponselle, Carmela, 1887-1977 , performer (informal social gathering with musical selections performed by Rosa Ponselle, later joined by Carmela Ponselle) Published on LP in limited release; possibly original wire recording. A selection of songs and duets, including Franz Schubert's "Ave Maria."	1951 July 15
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326089	Rosa Ponselle recording (?) <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Ponselle, Rosa, 1897-1981 , performer Barcarolle (<i>Tales of Hoffman</i>); <i>Comin' Through the Rye</i>	1951 July 22
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326097	Collector's Corner with Lloyd Garrison and Mabel Garrison <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Garrison, Lloyd , host The following pieces are announced, but not played on this recording: Dixie, Mabel Garrison and Victor Male Chorus; Offenbach: <i>The Doll Song</i> (from <i>The Tales</i> of Hoffman); Rimsky-Korsakov: <i>Hymn to the Sun</i> (from <i>The Golden Cockerel</i> ; Norwegian Echo Song; Saint-Saens: <i>Palisades, The Nightingale and the Rose</i> ; <i>Vous dans le Marquis</i> ; <i>Je Suis Tatania</i> (from Mignon) Names: Garrison, Mabel, 1886-1963	1951 September 28
b. Box 1, ■■■ 39002038326105	Interview with Mabel Garrison <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Interview about making records Names: Garrison, Mabel, 1886-1963 , interviewee	1951 September 29

b. Box 1, ■■■■ 39002038326113	Cook Sisters Talk; Collector's Corner with Lloyd Garrison: Great Moments in Song 1952 <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Garrison, Lloyd, host The following pieces are announced, but not played in the recording. Mozart: Bravo, signore padrone (from The Marriage of Figaro) sung by Ezio Pinza; Home Sweet Home", sung by Rosa Ponselle	1952
Names: Pinza, Ezio (18920518-19570509) Ponselle, Rosa, 1897-1981		
b. Box 2, ■■■■ 39002038326170	Songs from the Firestone <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Bell Telephone Orchestra, performer Gioachino Rossini: Inflammatus (from Stabat Mater); Eleanor Steber, Firestone Chorus: Amilcare Ponchielli: Voce di donna (from La gioconda); unknown; Florence Price: My Soul Has Been Anchored In The Lord (Donald Vorhees, Bell Telephone Orchestra); Joseph Knapp: Open The Gates of the Temple (Blanche Thebom, Donald Vorhees, Bell Telephone Orchestra and Chorus).	1952 April 7
b. Box 2, ■■■■ 39002038326220	Voice of the Firestone; American Railroads <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Bell Telephone Orchestra, performer The Great Waltz (Gordon MacRae, Lucille Norman, Norman Luboff); unknown piece and singer; Gustav Ferrari(?); unknown song; Alporezo; Theodore Paxson: Chanadore; Theadore Paxson: Sally Brown; Donald Vorhees, Bell Telephone Orchestra and Chorus	1952 May 19
b. Box 2, ■■■■ 39002038326238	Railroad Hour: American Railroads. Announcer, Marvin Miller/Gordon MacRae (?); Voice of the News Post; Voice of Firestone. <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Firestone Orchestra, performer MacRae, Gordon (1921-03-12-1986-01-24), performer Bell Telephone Orchestra, performer Sigmund Romberg: My Maryland; Gordon MacRae, Dorothy Kirsten, Norman Luboff, Carmen Ragan(?) (cond). Joseph Meyers: "California, Here I Come"; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. "Someday"; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. "Jewel Song" from Faust; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. Battle Hymn of a Republic; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. Entrance of the Little Fauns; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. Dance of the Cavalristi; Hart Marlow (cond.) Firestone Orchestra and Chorus, Lois Hunt. Edward Boatner: "Oh What a Beautiful City"; Donald Vorhees (cond), Bell Telephone Orchestra, Cumming.	1952 May 26
b. Box 2, ■■■■ 39002038326246	test (?): Rosa Ponselle (?), singers with organ <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i>	1952 June 12

b. Box 3,  39002038326691	Unidentified radio broadcast <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Royal Philharmonic Orchestra , performer Boston Symphony Orchestra , performer Beecham, Thomas, 1879-1961 , conductor Koussevitzky, Serge, 1874-1951 , conductor Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 4 in D; Jascha Heifetz, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (Thomas Beecham, cond.); Haydn: Symphony No. 102 in B-flat; Boston Symphony Orchestra (Serge Koussevitzky, cond.)	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326725	unknown <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Mozart Symphony (?); Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor; Rudolph (?) Philharmonic Orchestra (?)	undated
b. Box 3,  39002038326667	Organ recital by Daniel Pinkham; orchestral works <i>1 Audio Wire Reel</i> Pinkham, Daniel, 1923-2006 , performer Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer: Ariadne musica (performed by Daniel Pinkham). Maurice Ravel: Mother Goose Suite; Nicolai Rimsky-Korsokav: Scheherazade	undated

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