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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1907-1971

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains records--including correspondence, minutes, programs, financial records, scrapbooks, rosters, and bylaws--of the Blacksburg Music Club, an organization founded to promote the study of music among its members and to stimulate local interest through regularly scheduled musical programs. Also it includes materials from the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Extent

2.5 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Blacksburg Music Club Records were donated to Special Collections and University Archives in 1979.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

A musical appreciation club had been founded in Blacksburg, Virginia as early as 1904. That club was succeeded by the Music and Dramatic Club, founded in 1912 and disbanded around 1928. The Blacksburg Music Club was organized on October 24, 1931, with a goal "to promote the study of musical art among its members and to stimulate the interest in and appreciation of good music in the community." The club soon thereafter became affiliated with the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs. Club meetings were held monthly from September through May, and programs were staged at various sites in the Blacksburg area and on the campus of Virginia Tech. The club worked closely with other local organizations, including the Blacksburg Concert Association, the Blacksburg Recorder Group, the VPI Glee Club, and the VPI Orchestra, and supported musical programs in local schools by donating money for two pianos, providing funds for special events, and donating the time of members for musical instruction. Perhaps the club's biggest accomplishment was the staging of two Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, *The Mikado* and *Pirates of Penzance* in 1958 and 1959, respectively. Due to an aging membership and decline in interest, the Blacksburg Music Club disbanded in 1971.

Scope and Content

This collection contains records of the Blacksburg Music Club, an organization founded to promote the study of music among its members and to stimulate local interest through regularly scheduled musical programs. The collection includes such materials as correspondence, minutes, programs, newsletters, reports, financial records, membership rosters, constitutions and bylaws, scrapbooks, and printed materials. Also included are materials issued by the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs, including communications, convention programs, and printed materials.

Separated Materials

The following item was removed from the collection and cataloged in the Rare Book Collection:

Andrews, Mary Raymond Shipman. *The Counsel Assigned*. New York: Scribner's, [1940?]. Request via the library catalog.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)
Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Montgomery County (Va.)

Rights Statement for Archival Description

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following three series, based on organizational hierarchy:

Series I. Blacksburg Virginia Music Club, 1907-1971. This series contains materials issued by or directly relating to the local club. Included are administrative correspondence, minutes, programs, newsletters and other communications, annual reports, financial records, club history and bylaws, membership rosters, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and printed material. Also included here is a single folder of materials issued by other southwestern Virginia organizations including the Blacksburg Recorder Society, the Blue Ridge Chamber Music Players, and the Pulaski Music Club.

Series II. Virginia Federation of Music Clubs, 1933-1971. Included in this series are materials relating to the state organization. A folder of materials from the federation's first district, to which the Blacksburg club belonged, consists largely of programs from annual conventions. The remainder of the series contains communications to local clubs and convention programs, as well as administrative and promotional materials

Series III. National Federation of Music Clubs, 1944-1971. This series includes materials received from the local club by the national organization. The series contains reports, circular letters, announcements and other communications; price lists for instructional materials sold by the federation; and printed materials consisting of promotional, instructional, and administrative materials.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Blacksburg Music Club

Unit Date 1907-1971

Correspondence

Unit Date 1940-1971, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Minutes Books

Unit Date 1930-1940

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2-4 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1940-1971, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5-7 (folder)

Programs

Unit Date 1934-1971, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8-9 (folder)

Newsletters and Circular Letters

Unit Date 1955-1971, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Annual Reports

Unit Date 1954-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bank Statements

Unit Date 1949-1971

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Budgets

Unit Date 1954-1969

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Checks

Unit Date 1949-1971

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Dues Receipt Books

Unit Date 1953-1970

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Financial Documents

Unit Date 1941-1971

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Treasurer's Reports

Unit Date 1940-1971

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Account / Membership Roster Books

Unit Date 1940-1971

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 9-10 (folder)

Membership Rosters

Unit Date 1940-1970, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

History, Constitution, and Bylaws

Unit Date 1954, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Awards

Unit Date 1959-1971, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Yearbooks

Unit Date 1932-1947

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Yearbooks

Unit Date 1948-1970

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1-4 (folder)

Summer Music Camps

Unit Date 1961-1969, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1935-1957, n.d.

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6-11 (folder)

Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1956-1967, n.d.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Photographs, Newspaper Clippings, and Ephemera

Unit Date 1940-1964, n.d.

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Music Club Programs from All Nations

Unit Date 1907

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Other Organizations

Unit Date 1940-1967, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Series II. Virginia Federation of Music Clubs

Unit Date 1933-1971

District I

Unit Date 1933-1969, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Circular Letters

Unit Date 1945-1969, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Administrative and Promotional Materials

Unit Date 1947-1971, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Annual Conventions

Unit Date 1936-1969

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

History, Constitution, and Bylaws

Unit Date 1947-1967, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Directories

Unit Date 1961-1970

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Virginia Musician

Unit Date 1962

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series III. National Federation of Music Clubs

Unit Date 1944-1971

Reports to Convention

Unit Date 1963

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Circular Letters

Unit Date 1959-1971, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Announcements and Other Communications

Unit Date 1959-1971, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Price Lists and Order Forms

Unit Date 1960-1969, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Printed Material

Unit Date 1944-1971, n.d.

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Extent [2 folders]