

Guide to the Clara Schumann Club Records

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Clara Schumann Club

Title: Clara Schumann Club Records

Dates: 1894-2004

Quantity: 6.1 linear feet

Abstract: Scrapbooks, programs, and minutes.

Accession: 95-09-293 ; 293-1995

Organizational History:

The Clara Schumann Music Club was organized in 1894 in Mobile, Alabama, by a group of educated, middle- and upper-class women who wanted to maintain a high musical standard in their own work and promote and encourage the culture of musical art in the area. In the beginning the club emphasized piano quartet work and later vocal music. The club took on such musical subjects as Scandinavian, German, Latin-American, and Jewish music as well as women composers, Shakespeare set to music, and sacred works. Membership was by audition. In 1899 the club joined the National Federation of Music Clubs. Over the years the club has sponsored and given programs for different occasions, many to benefit the Mobile Public Library. In addition to performances at its monthly business meetings, public concerts are held in January and in the spring, and the club regularly presents piano and vocal scholarships to high school students. In 1984 the organization's name was changed to the Schumann Club to reflect its decision to admit men. The organization, which celebrated its one-hundredth birthday in 1994, is considered one of the earliest music clubs in the state of Alabama.

Scope and Contents:

This collection consists of scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings and memorabilia that chronicles and documents the club's history from 1894 to the present. Also included are

minutes of the club's meetings for the years 1894 to 1990, as well as various issues of the *Clavier*, the *American Music Teacher*, and *Piano Guild Notes*. In addition, the collection contains yearbooks of the Mobile Teacher's Association and miscellaneous correspondence and financial records. There are also assorted programs and yearbooks for the years 1899 to 2004, and one music book. Materials are added to this collection periodically. Related material: Katherine Crampton Cochrane Papers, 95-09-291.

Arrangement:

Scrapbooks, minutes, and programs are arranged chronologically.

Access Restrictions:

This material is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Clara Schumann Club Records, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

Content List:

Box 1

Scrapbooks (See also, Box 5)

1894-1989 (fragile)
1959-1974
1973-1976
1980-1982
1982-1984
1984-1988
1988-1994

Box 2

Miscellaneous

1. Constitution and Bylaws, 1896
2. 40th Anniversary, 1934
3. 50th Anniversary, 1944
4. Music Camp Scholarship, 1970-1971
5. Membership Applications, n.d.
6. Membership
- 7-16. Correspondence, 1897-1970
- 17-31. Financial Records
32. Minutes (scattered dates - 1898, 1929, 1936, 1967)
33. Programs
34. Performers (Yarbrough and Cowan, duo pianists, 1964-1965)
35. Performers (Herbert Witherspoon, 1900-1901)
- 36-38. Scrapbook, 1939-1940
- 39-42. Reports
- 43-49. Historian's Reports, 1949-1941, 1946-1947
50. Newsletters, 1992-2002
51. Newsclippings
- 52-55. Mobile Music Teachers Association, Yearbooks, Membership Applications
56. Alabama Federation of Music Clubs, Newsletters
57. Miscellaneous Organizations, Brochures
58. Allied Arts Council of Mobile, Directory, 1966-1967
59. Publications (Clavier, The American Music Teacher, Piano Guild Notes)
60. Articles from Keyboard and Young Keyboard, Jr.

Box 2a

Book: *Der Holzdich: Komische Oper in 1 aufzug von Friedrich Kind in Musik gesetzt von Heinrich Marschner* (The Wood Thief: A Comic Opera in One Act by Friedrich Kind Put to Music by Heinrich Marschner), signed by S. Schlesinger

100th Anniversary, 1994 (guest register boxed)

100th Anniversary Pins (boxed)

Box 3

Minutes (many include annual membership rolls as well as annual reports) [See also, Box 2, Folder 32]

1894-1899
1899-1906
1907-1911
1910-1912
1921-1923
1923-1925
1929-1933
1941-1946
1958-1967
1988-1990

Box 4

Programs and Yearbooks (See also, Box 2, Folder 33)

1899-2002

Box 5

Scrapbooks (See also Box 1)

1950s-1990s

1990s-2004

Scrapbook, 1976-1980 (oversized, not boxed)