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OTTAWA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (1944-1971)

Originals, 1950-1971. 65 cm. Finding Aid No. 110.

The Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra, initially also known as the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra, was founded in 1944 with largely non-professional and part-time musicians led by the conductor Allard de Ridder. The orchestra performed at the Capitol Theatre and in school auditoriums. It was incorporated in 1945 under the Ottawa Philharmonic Organization and a women's committee was established in 1947 to assist the executive and work in fund-raising, organizing, among other events, the annual Springtime Party. In 1950, de Ridder was replaced by concertmaster Eugene Kash, who instituted the children's concerts and subscription series. Under Thomas Mayer, who became conductor in 1956, the orchestra acquired a nucleus of full-time musicians, expanded its season, and was broadcast by the C.B.C. However, union problems led to the suspension of the orchestra in 1960 and, following the formation of the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra officially disbanded in 1971.

Finding Aid No. 110 is a descriptive list.

Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra, Women's Committee, 1950-1971. 60 cm (volumes 1-7). The records are divided into the following series:

Meetings, Projects and Programmes, 1951-1968. 25 cm (volumes 1-3, 7).

Including minutes, reports, correspondence, and printed material relating to the work of the women's committee. Arranged chronologically.

Constitution and By-laws; Special Projects; Clippings and Scrapbook, 1950-1963. 10 cm (volumes 3, 7).

Sponsorship and Members, 1952-1963. 24 cm (volumes 4-6).

Correspondence and index cards, largely arranged alphabetically.

Presented in 1970 by Mrs. W.F. Harrison of Ottawa.

Correspondence with Carleton University, 1970-1971. 1 cm (volume 6).

Correspondence relating to the purchase of a piano.

Presented in 1971 by Mrs. Grant Dexter of Ottawa.

Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra, Publicity, 1956-1960. 5 cm (volume 6).

Correspondence, memoranda and printed material relating to publicity for the orchestra.

Presented in 1983 by the National Arts Centre Archives, Ottawa.

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