Summary

Creator: Schuman, William, 1910-1992

Title: William Schuman papers and records

Date: 1933-1986

Size: 50 linear feet (195 boxes)

Abstract: Correspondence; memoranda; reports; minutes of meetings; press releases; drafts and final copies of articles, speeches, and statements; awards and certificates; diaries; photographs; magazines; clippings; pamphlets and papers; programs; posters; and scrapbooks. Correspondents include: Samuel Barber, Jacques Barzun, William Bergsma, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Agnes DeMille, David Diamond, Antal Dorati, Morton Gould, Martha Graham, Frank Loesser, Otto Luening, Peter Mennin, Eugene Ormandy, Vincent Persichetti, Frederik Prausnitz, Andre Previn, Josef Raieff, Claire Reis, Richard Rodgers, Isaac Stern, Risë Stevens, Anthony Strilko, Roman Totenberg, Edgard Varèse, and Hugo Weisgall; representatives of organizations with which he has been associated and of other orchestras, foundations, educational institutions, and publishers.

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Creator History

An American composer and educator, William Schuman was instructor at Sarah Lawrence College (1935-45), president of the Juilliard School of Music (1945-1962), director of publications for G. Schirmer (1945-1952), and president of Lincoln Center (1962-1968). In the 1970's he was chairman of the Norlin Foundation and of the MacDowell Colony. He was a founding director of the Charles Ives Society and a member of the board of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the Naumburg and Koussevitzky Foundations, and of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the Film Society of Lincoln Center, organizations which he founded. Mr. Schuman died Feb. 15, 1992.

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- Memorandums
- Minutes
- Pamphlets
- Periodicals
- Photoprints
- Posters
- Press releases
- Programs
- Reports
- Scrapbooks
- Speeches

**Occupations**
- Composers

**Subjects**
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**Names**
- Schuman, William, 1910-1992
- Barber, Samuel, 1910-1981
- Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012
- Bergsma, William, 1921-1994
- Bernstein, Leonard, 1918-1990
- Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990
- De Mille, Agnes
- Diamond, David, 1915-2005
- Dorati, Antal
- Gould, Morton, 1913-1996
- Graham, Martha
- Loesser, Frank, 1910-1969
Luening, Otto, 1900-1996
Mennin, Peter
Ormandy, Eugene, 1899-1985
Persichetti, Vincent, 1915-1987
Prausnitz, Frederik
Previn, Andre_, 1929-
Reis, Claire Rafael
Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979
Stern, Isaac, 1920-2001
Stevens, Rise_, 1913-2013
Strikko, Anthony
Totenberg, Roman
Vare_se, Edgard, 1883-1965
Weisgall, Hugo
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters
American Music Collection
ANTA (Organization)
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Brandeis University
Broadcast Music, Inc.
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Columbia University
Composers' Forum (U.S.)
Film Society of Lincoln Center
G. Schirmer, Inc.
Juilliard School of Music
Koussevitzky Music Foundation
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
MacDowell Colony
Metropolitan Opera (New York, N.Y.)
Naumburg Foundation
New York Philharmonic
Philadelphia Orchestra
Sarah Lawrence College