Guide to the
Robert Bowman collection of music recordings from radio broadcasts
[sound recording]
1952-1963
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Summary

Creator: Bowman, Robert, 1925-

Title: Robert Bowman collection of music recordings from radio broadcasts [sound recording]

Date: 1952-1963

Size: 195 sound tape reels, analog mono; 195 sound tape reels, analog mono; analog mono, 10 in.; analog mono, 10 in.; analog mono, 7 in.; analog mono, 7 in.


Conditions Governing Access:

Users never directly handle sound recordings. Listening selections are transmitted through a playback system.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of noncommercial recordings of radio broadcasts of primarily classical music. The largest portion of the collection consists of broadcast of The New York Philharmonic, with selected
concerts from 1952-1963. Conductors of the New York Philharmonic concerts on these recordings include Franco Autori, Leonard Bernstein, Guido Cantelli, Dmitri Mitropoulos, Paul Paray, George Szell, and Bruno Walter. Guest soloists include Claudio Arrau, Robert Casadesus, Van Cliburn, Clifford Curzon, Rudolf Firkusny, Zino Francescatti, Jascha Heifetz, Myra Hess, Byron Janis, Martha Lipton, Artur Rubinstein, Irmgard Seefried, Rudolf Serkin, and Richard Tucker. Orchestras with a smaller representation of recordings in the collection include the Boston Symphony Orchestra in concerts conducted by Pierre Monteux and Charles Munch, the NBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Guido Cantelli and Pierre Monteux, and the Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Eduard van Beinum, Josef Krips, and Rafael Kubelik.

Opera recordings include selected Salzburg Festival broadcasts from 1952-1958, with the Vienna Philharmonic conducted by Rudolf Baumgartner, Karl Böhm, Joseph Keilberth, and Herbert von Karajan. Böhm also conducts for the 1956 reopening of the Vienna State Opera House. Bayreuth Festival productions from 1953 and 1954 are conducted by Joseph Keilberth, Hans Knappertsbusch, and Clemens Krauss. Bayreuth vocalists include Hans Braun, Gré Brouwenstijn, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Josef Greindl, Hans Hotter, Martha Mödl, and Eleanor Steber.

Recordings of selected Firestone Hour (later the Voice of Firestone) programs from 1952 to 1956 contain opera, operetta, and orchestral selections as well as popular songs. Featured vocalists include Eugene Conley, Nadine Conner, Jerome Hines, Roberta Peters, Risë Stevens, and Ferruccio Tagliavini.

Key Terms

Subjects
- Music festivals
- Operas -- Excerpts
- Orchestral music
- Popular music
- Radio programs, Musical -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic
- Sound recordings

Titles
- Voice of Firestone (Radio program)

Names
- Bowman, Robert, 1925-
- Arrau, Claudio, 1903-1991
- Autori, Franco, 1903-
- Baumgartner, Rudolf, 1917-2002
- Beinum, Eduard van
- Bernstein, Leonard, 1918-1990
- Bohm, Carl, 1844-1920
- Braun, Hans, 1917-1992
- Brouwenstijn, Gre_
- Cantelli, Guido
- Casadesus, Robert, 1899-1972
- Cliburn, Van, 1934-2013
- Conley, Eugene, 1908-1981
- Conner, Nadine
- Curzon, Clifford, 1907-1982
- Firkus_ny_, Rudolf, 1912-1994
- Fischer-Dieskau, Dietrich, 1925-2012
- Francescatti, Zino, 1902-1991
Greindl, Josef
Heifetz, Jascha, 1901-1987
Hess, Myra, Dame, 1890-1965
Hines, Jerome, 1921-2003
Hotter, Hans
Janis, Byron
Karajan, Herbert von
Keilberth, Joseph
Knappertsbusch, Hans, 1888-1965
Krauss, Clemens, 1893-1954
Krips, Josef
Kubelik, Rafael, 1914-1996
Lipton, Martha
Mitropoulos, Dimitri, 1896-1960
Mo dl, Martha
Monteux, Pierre, 1875-1964
Munch, Charles, 1891-1968
Paray, Paul, 1886-1979
Peters, Roberta, 1930-2017
Rubinstein, Artur, 1887-1982
Seefried, Irmgard
Serk, Rudolf, 1903-1991
Steber, Eleanor
Stevens, Rise , 1913-2013
Szell, George, 1897-1970
Tagliavini, Ferruccio, 1913-1995
Tucker, Richard, 1913-1975
Walter, Bruno, 1876-1962
Bayreuther Festspiele
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Concertgebouworkest
NBC Symphony Orchestra
New York Philharmonic
Salzburger Festspiele
Wiener Philharmoniker
Wiener Staatsoper