Guide to the
Department of Music,
Choral Ensembles
Records 1925-1995

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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.MUSICDEPTCHORAL
Title       University of Chicago. Department of Music. Choral Ensembles. Records
Date        1925-1995
Size        7.25 linear feet (12 boxes)
Repository  Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center
            University of Chicago Library
            1100 East 57th Street
            Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract    This collection contains concert programs and promotional materials from
            University of Chicago choral ensembles.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Department of Music. Choral Ensembles. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note
Initially founded to provide music at weekly University religious events and at convocations,
choral offerings at the University of Chicago expanded during the mid-twentieth century to
include a variety of organizations, ranging in size from small groups to large choruses. Housed in
the Department of Music, the ensembles presented concerts featuring a wide repertoire of both
sacred and secular music. The Department also sponsored organ recitals and carillon concerts,
following the installation of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon in 1932.

Of particular note in this collection are the programs from the ceremonies laying the cornerstone
of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in June 1926 and the dedication ceremony of the Chapel in
October 1928. The program from the dedication ceremony includes transcripts of speeches given
by President Charles Max Mason and John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Scope Note
The collection is organized chronologically by academic year. It is arranged in three series:

Series I: Choir programs

Series II: Choral programs and publicity

Series III: Oversize items

Series I contains bound copies of programs from University Chapel services and University convocations.

Series II contains programs, press clippings, posters, tour announcements, and expense reports for the University Chorus, Rockefeller Chapel Choir, Bond Chapel Choir, Motet Choir and University Women’s Chorus, as well as organ recitals and carillonneur concerts.

Series III contains oversize posters and clippings.

Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Browse finding aids by topic.

Music Relating to the University of Chicago. Records.

University of Chicago. Department of Music. Records

Subject Headings
• University of Chicago--Choral organizations
• Music in universities and colleges

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Series I: Choir Programs

Series I contains bound copies of programs from Chorus concerts and University events, such as Chapel services and Commencements. The series includes materials dated from 1925 to 1950.

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  Choir programs, 1925-1926
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Series II: Concert Programs and Publicity

Series II contains concert programs and promotional materials, including news clippings, posters, and press releases. The series includes materials dated from 1951 to 1995.

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   Programs and publicity, 1950-1951
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   Programs and publicity, 1952-1953
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   Programs and publicity, 1955-1956
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   Programs and publicity, 1958-1959 (1/2)
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Programs and publicity, 1994-1995

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Programs and publicity, Autumn 1995

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Folder 5
Programs and publicity, 2001-2006

Series III: Oversize Items
Series III contains oversize posters and press clippings.

Box 12
Folder 1
Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1958-1959"

Box 12
Folder 2
Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1982-1983"

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Folder 3
Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1992-1993"