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**    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 #], 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**

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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:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php

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

**INVENTORY**

**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.

**Box 1**

**Folder 1**

- Choir programs, 1925-1926

**Box 1**

**Folder 2**
Choir programs, 1926-1927
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Folder 3
Choir programs, 1927-1928
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Choir programs, 1928-1929
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Folder 4
   Choir programs, 1944-1945
Box 7
Folder 1
   Choir programs, 1945-1946
Box 7
Folder 2
   Choir programs, 1946-1947
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Folder 3
   Choir programs, 1947-1948

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
Box 7
Folder 5
   Programs and publicity, 1952-1953
Box 7
Folder 6
   Programs and publicity, 1955-1956
Box 7
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   Programs and publicity, 1956-1957
Box 7
Folder 8
   Programs and publicity, 1957-1958
Box 7
Folder 9
   Programs and publicity, 1958-1959 (1/2)
Box 7
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   Programs and publicity, 1958-1959 (2/2)
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Programs and publicity, 1959-1960
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  Programs and publicity, 1960-1961
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  Programs and publicity, 1961-1962
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  Programs and publicity, 1962-1963
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  Programs and publicity, 1963-1964
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  Programs and publicity, 1964-1965
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  Programs and publicity, 1992-1993
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  Programs and publicity, 1993-1994
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Folder 3
  Programs and publicity, 1994-1995
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  Programs and publicity, Autumn 1995

Series III: Oversize Items

Series III contains oversize posters and press clippings.

Box 12
Folder 1
  Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1958-1959"
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Folder 2
  Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1982-1983"
Box 12
Folder 3
  Items removed from "Programs and publicity, 1992-1993"