

# **Eiji Oue Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator - Creator</b>	Eiji, Oue, 1957-
<b>Title</b>	Eiji Oue Collection
<b>Date</b>	1995-2002
<b>Extent</b>	0.42 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biography

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Eiji Oue was born October 3, 1957 in Hiroshima, Japan. Oue began piano lessons at a young age and initially worked toward a piano performance degree before becoming interested in conducting. During a summer program at the Tanglewood Music Center Oue met Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein took an interest in Oue and mentored him for some years, giving Oue the opportunity to share the podium with him at a number of major performances throughout Europe.

Oue initially conducted the Erie Philharmonic beginning in 1990 and also acted as the assistant conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic during the same period. When he was selected as the new conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra in 1993, many critics were surprised at the orchestra's choice of a relative unknown as its new director. He began conducting the Minnesota Orchestra in 1995.

Oue's time with the Minnesota Orchestra proved something of a mixed bag. Some derided him as musically lacking and orchestra attendance declined notably during his tenure. Others lauded to his successes with touring (including the orchestra's first trips to Europe and Japan), his Grammy-nominated recordings with the orchestra, and his dedication to outreach within the community. In 1999, Oue's contract was extended by a year but not fully renewed; Oue's final performance was in May of 2002.

Oue later conducted the Hannover Philharmonic Orchestra, Osaka Philharmonic Orchestra, and Barcelona Symphony Orchestra. He stepped down as the conductor of the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra at the end of 2010.

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## Collection Description

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The Eiji Oue Collection consists of one box containing a folder of newspaper clippings, a file of Minnesota Orchestra press releases from his tenure, several printed programs for his tours and performances, a binder of information from his inaugural committee, a number of holiday cards sent by Oue, and a number of commemorative Wheaties boxes featuring Oue's picture.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Minnesota Orchestra.

### Subject(s)

- Music -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Clippings 1993-2002	1	1
Press Releases 1995-1997	1	2
Programs and Magazine Articles 1995-1998	1	3
Holiday Cards 1990s	1	4
Commemorative Wheaties Boxes 1995	1	5
Inaugural Committee Binder 1995-1996	1	6