

**WAMSO - Minnesota Orchestra
Volunteer Association Collection
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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	WAMSO--Minnesota Orchestra Volunteer Association.
Title	WAMSO - Minnesota Orchestra Volunteer Association Collection
Date	1961-2000
Extent	0.67 Linear feet
Language	English

History

The Women's Association of the Minnesota Orchestra (WAMSO), a nonprofit corporation of volunteers, promotes the enjoyment of music and provides support for the Minnesota Orchestra through fundraising activities and music education for children and adults throughout Minnesota. The club's original name was Women's Association of the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra, but it is now known as WAMSO – Minnesota Orchestra Volunteer Association.

The organization was founded in 1949. The founding members were Mrs. Rosalynd Pflaum, Mrs. Ehrma Strachauer, Mrs. Margaret Hawks, Mrs. Charlotte Weld, and Mrs. Cornelia Spencer. The Club was located at 7515 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426. It was also located at 907 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, but is now located at 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403.

Its programs include Symphony Ball, Young Artist Competition, Young Audiences, Kinder Konzerts and other music clinics and classes. Its purpose is "to stimulate interest in and to encourage wide support of the orchestra." It is a member of the Women's Association for Symphony Orchestras, a network of organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

The Symphony Ball was created in 1956 by the Women's Association of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra (WAMSO) to support and celebrate the nationally acclaimed Minnesota Orchestra. The annual ball has become a major fundraising event for WAMSO.

Description of the Collection

Two boxes. Collection consists of programs, invitations and other publications relating to the annual Symphony Ball, and newspaper clippings relating to the Symphony Ball and other club activities. Collection also includes miscellaneous publications and press releases relating to club events.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Materials

WASMO news is in the Minneapolis Collection periodicals collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. Women's Association.
- Minnesota Orchestra. Women's Association.

Subject(s)

- Volunteer workers in the arts -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Symphony Ball programs and invitations 1964, 1968	1	1
Symphony Ball programs and invitations 1972-1975	1	2
Symphony Ball programs and invitations 1976	1	3
Symphony Ball programs and invitations 1977	1	4
Symphony Ball invitation and organizational materials 1978	1	5
Symphony Ball invitation 1979	1	6
Symphony Ball invitation 1980	1	7
Symphony Ball invitation and auction program 1982	1	8
Symphony Ball invitation and auction program 1983	1	9
Symphony Ball publication and auction catalogue 1984	1	10
Symphony Ball publication 1986	1	11
Symphony Ball programs 1987	1	12

Symphony Ball program, invitation, publication and auction catalog 1988	1	13
Symphony Ball programs 1989	1	14
Symphony Ball programs 1990	1	15
Symphony Ball program, publication and auction catalog 1991	1	16
Symphony Ball program, invitation, publication 1993	1	17
Symphony Ball invitation, auction catalog, publication (incomplete) 1994-1995	1	18
Symphony Ball invitation 1997-2000	1	19
Directories, publication 1971-1999	2	1
Newspaper clippings 1989-1994	2	2
Newspaper clippings 1982-1984	2	3
Newspaper clippings 1961-1981	2	4
Miscellaneous Programs and press releases 1965-1999	2	5
Scrapbook - History of the Minneapolis Symphony and Associated Organizations 1957	2	6

Posters

General note

This scrapbook was created by the Women's Association of the Minneapolis Symphony (WAMSO) specifically for the Minneapolis Public Library. The scrapbook includes typewritten histories, programs, newsletters, clippings, and book covers. The pages were removed from plastic sleeves within a binder and were placed in a single folder. Pages are in original scrapbook order.

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