



Guide to the Arts Council Records, 1950 - 1970

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Summary

Collection Title:

Arts Council records, 1950 - 1970

Creator:

Duke University. Arts Council

Abstract:

Formed around 1950, the Duke University Arts Council planned music and art events on Duke's campus, such as concerts and exhibits. It also created a lending library of musical recordings and art reproductions, and it produced a radio program, "Arts Council on the Air." After a period of inactivity, the Arts Council dissolved in 1970. Collection includes correspondence, financial papers, membership information, event announcements, minutes, reports, and other administrative papers. Major subjects include Duke University Woman's College and Woman's College Library, art appreciation, and faculty spouses. Materials range in date from 1950 to 1970; the bulk of the materials date from 1950 to 1959. English.

Extent:

0.5 Linear Feet
500 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult University Archives, Duke University.

Language:

English

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English.

Collection ID:

UA.01.06.0002

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

Formed around 1950, the Duke University Arts Council planned music and art events on Duke's campus, such as concerts and exhibits. It also created a lending library of musical recordings and art reproductions, and it produced a radio program, "Arts Council on the Air." Membership on the Council was open to all, including students; faculty, administrators, and their spouses made up the leadership of the council.

In September 1960, the Arts Council became inactive, but an Executive Committee met periodically to manage the funds that had accumulated during the Council's active years. After a decade of inactivity, the Arts Council Executive Committee proposed that the funds be divided equally between the Department of Art and the Department of Music, and that the Arts Council should be dissolved in 1970.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Completed 1989

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Related Materials

Related Material

Art Association records. University Archives, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

- Art appreciation -- United States -- History -- 20th century

- College teachers' spouses
- Duke University. Woman's College. Library -- History
- Duke University. Woman's College
- Duke University -- Faculty
- Duke University. Arts Council
- Duke University. Arts Council

Collection Inventory

Arts Council Records

Correspondence	Box 1
Financial papers	Box 1
Membership	Box 1
Minutes, meetings, reports	Box 1
Administrative papers	Box 1

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