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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1976.002

Unit Date

1936-1969

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the records (including membership ledgers, circular letters, programs, and newspapers clippings) of Blacksburg Community Concert Association, organized to invite outside classical music and dance artists to perform on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute campus.

Creator

Blacksburg Community Concert Association (Blacksburg, Va.)

Extent

2 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Blacksburg Community Concert Association Records were donated to Special Collections in 1976. Additional programs were donated to the collection in 1994.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

The Blacksburg Community Concert Association was founded in 1936 as means of bringing nationally recognized classical music and dance performers to the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Initially known as the Blacksburg National Concert Association, the organization was part of a larger, national organization sponsoring performers who traveled a nationwide circuit. The first president of the Blacksburg association was Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) president Julian A. Burruss. The association later operated under the name of the Blacksburg Cooperative Concert Association and finally as the Blacksburg Community Concert Association. The association undertook annual membership subscription drives in Blacksburg and surrounding communities, sponsoring three to five shows per season. In its 33-year history, the association sponsored more than 160 programs. The Blacksburg Community Concert Association ceased operations in 1969, when VPI and Radford College withdrew financial assistance.

Scope and Content

This collection contains records of the Blacksburg Community Concert Association, organized to sponsor performances by nationally recognized classical music and dance artists on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The collection consists largely of membership account books, which record the activities of the association's annual membership subscription drives. The ledgers contain such information as names of subscribers, places of residence, types of memberships, and amounts paid. Also included is a small collection of circular letters sent to members and a number of programs for association-sponsored events. (Several of these programs have been autographed by the performers.) A small collection of newspaper clippings completes the collection and relates to various shows sponsored by the association.

Keywords

Blacksburg (Va.)

Montgomery County (Va.)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by item type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Circular Letters

Unit Date 1951-1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Programs

Unit Date 1942-1969, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit Date 1960-1968

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Membership Account Books

Unit Date 1936-1943

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4-9 (folder)

Membership Account Books

Unit Date 1943-1953

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Membership Account Books

Unit Date 1953-1961

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)

Membership Account Books

Unit Date 1961-1969

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1-8 (folder)