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Abstract

Recital programs, newspaper clippings, and an admission application for the Pabst School of Music in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Creator

Pabst School of Music

source

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

source

Bowman, Douglas, 1948-2023

Extent

0.13 cubic feet 5 folders

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Administrative History

The Pabst School of Music was founded in 1923 by Alma Campbell Pabst (1895-1995) and was located in the Campbell Hotel at 217 N. Main St. in Harrisonburg. Alma's husband Camillo Pabst (1894-1970) also taught at the school. The school offered special training in piano, violin, harmony, and music history. It was in operation until approximately 1983. The school held programs and recitals at local schools and churches including Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Assembly Hall (Harrisonburg Courthouse), Dayton United Brethren Church, Timberville High School, and the auditorium of the Pabst School of Music.

Alma Campbell Pabst graduated from Harrisonburg High School and Mary Baldwin College with a degree in music. She also studied music at Columbia University. Her parents Amanda and John Randolph Campbell took over the Campbell Hotel in 1916. Alma began a music school that same year and ran it out of the hotel. Camillo Pabst, who was born in Leipzig, Germany and immigrated to the United States, studied music at the Combs Conservatory in Philadelphia and Columbia University. Alma and Camillo married in 1922. They took over ownership of the Campbell Hotel in 1935.

The Campbell Hotel was owned by the Feuchtenberger/Campbell family for 95 years before it was razed in 1985.

Scope and Contents

Materials related to the Pabst School of Music include recital programs, a blank admissions application, blank recital program stationery, and a scrapbook with newspaper clippings and recital programs. The newspaper clippings concern recitals and list the names of student performers as well as musical selections performed.

Keywords

Newspaper clippings

Concert programs

Application forms

Scrapbooks

Music -- Instruction and study -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg
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Bibliography

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Provenance

From the estate of Doug Bowman, local collector of Harrisonburg memorabilia.

Description of Subordinate Components

Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1933-1944

Mixed Materials [1000897624] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Recital programs

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Unit Date 1924-1940

Mixed Materials [1000897624] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Recital programs

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Unit Date 1952-1983

Mixed Materials [1000897624] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Blank admissions application

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/29326

Unit Date 1930s

Mixed Materials [1000897624] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Blank recital program stationery

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/29327

Unit Date undated

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