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Guide to the

**Opera Topics radio program collection [sound recording], Lorenzo Alvary, host**

1963-1984

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## Summary

**Creator:** Alvary, Lorenzo, 1909-1996

**Title:** Opera Topics radio program collection [sound recording], Lorenzo Alvary, host

**Date:** 1963-1984

**Size:** 1859 sound recordings, analog; 1859 sound recordings, analog; 9, analog, 5 in.; 9, analog, 5 in.; 1545, analog, 7 in.; 1545, analog, 7 in.; 71, analog, 10 in.; 71, analog, 10 in.; 240, analog; 240, analog

**Abstract:** Lorenzo Alvary, a hungarian born operatic bass, hosted the radio program titled "Opera Topics" between 1963 and 1984. It aired principally on WNYC, New York, and consisted of interviews with contemporary opera singers, historians, and impresarios, as well as reports of operatic performances from around the world. Selected guests include: Claudio Abbado; Licia Albanese; Ezio Flagello; Boris Goldovsky; Herbert Graf; Dimitri Kabalevski; Lauritz Melchior; Gian Carlo Menotti, among many others. Collection consists of recordings of the radio program "Opera Topics" from broadcasts on WNYC. Includes notebooks containing press releases describing the subjects discussed in chronological order.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Conductors (Music) -- Interviews

Opera

Opera -- Production and direction

Radio programs

Singers -- Interviews

### **Titles**

Opera Topics (Radio program)

### **Names**

Alvary, Lorenzo, 1909-1996

WNYC (Radio station : New York, N.Y.)