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Guide to the

**William Schuman papers and records**

1933-1986

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## Summary

**Creator:** Schuman, William, 1910-1992

**Title:** William Schuman papers and records

**Date:** 1933-1986

**Size:** 50 linear feet (195 boxes)

**Abstract:** Correspondence; memoranda; reports; minutes of meetings; press releases; drafts and final copies of articles, speeches, and statements; awards and certificates; diaries; photographs; magazines; clippings; pamphlets and papers; programs; posters; and scrapbooks. Correspondents include: Samuel Barber, Jacques Barzun, William Bergsma, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Agnes DeMille, David Diamond, Antal Dorati, Morton Gould, Martha Graham, Frank Loesser, Otto Luening, Peter Mennin, Eugene Ormandy, Vincent Persichetti, Frederik Prausnitz, Andre Previn, Josef Raieff, Claire Reis, Richard Rodgers, Isaac Stern, Risë Stevens, Anthony Strilko, Roman Totenberg, Edgard Varèse, and Hugo Weisgall; representatives of organizations with which he has been associated and of other orchestras, foundations, educational institutions, and publishers.

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## Creator History

An American composer and educator, William Schuman was instructor at Sarah Lawrence College (1935-45), president of the Juilliard School of Music (1945-1962), director of publications for G. Schirmer (1945-1952), and president of Lincoln Center (1962-1968). In the 1970's he was chairman of the Norlin Foundation and of the MacDowell Colony. He was a founding director of the Charles Ives Society and a member of the board of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, the Naumburg and Koussevitzky Foundations, and of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the

Film Society of Lincoln Center, organizations which he founded. Mr. Schuman died Feb. 15, 1992.

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### **Key Terms**

#### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Articles  
Awards  
Certificates  
Clippings  
Correspondence  
Diaries  
Drafts (preliminary versions)  
Manuscripts (for publication)  
Memoranda  
Minutes  
Pamphlets  
Periodicals  
Photoprints  
Posters  
Press releases  
Programs  
Reports  
Scrapbooks  
Speeches

#### **Occupations**

Composers

#### **Subjects**

Schuman, William, 1910-1992

#### **Names**

Schuman, William, 1910-1992  
Barber, Samuel, 1910-1981  
Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012  
Bergsma, William, 1921-1994  
Bernstein, Leonard, 1918-1990

Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990  
De Mille, Agnes  
Diamond, David, 1915-2005  
Dorati, Antal  
Gould, Morton, 1913-1996  
Graham, Martha  
Loesser, Frank, 1910-1969  
Luening, Otto, 1900-1996  
Mennin, Peter  
Ormandy, Eugene, 1899-1985  
Persichetti, Vincent, 1915-1987  
Prausnitz, Frederik  
Previn, Andre\_, 1929-  
Raieff, Josef  
Reis, Claire Rafael  
Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979  
Stern, Isaac, 1920-2001  
Stevens, Rise\_, 1913-2013  
Strilko, Anthony  
Totenberg, Roman  
Vare\_se, Edgard, 1883-1965  
Weisgall, Hugo  
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters  
American Music Collection  
ANTA (Organization)  
Boston Symphony Orchestra  
Brandeis University  
Broadcast Music, Inc.  
Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center  
Columbia University  
Composers' Forum (U.S.)  
Film Society of Lincoln Center  
G. Schirmer, Inc.  
Juilliard School of Music  
Koussevitzky Music Foundation  
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts  
MacDowell Colony  
Metropolitan Opera House (Organization : Philadelphia, Pa.)  
Naumburg Foundation  
New York Philharmonic  
Philadelphia Orchestra  
Sarah Lawrence College