Summary

Creator: Szendi, Lajos

Title: Lajos Szendi autograph album

Date: ca. 1911-1932

Size: 1 v, 19 cm; 1 v, 19 cm

Source: Gift, Szendy, Ilona, 1975

Abstract: The Lajos Szendi autograph album contains primarily autograph signatures of musicians. Some of the autographs have been written directly onto the leaves of the album, while others have been pasted in from scraps of paper, visiting cards, and other items. The book also contains several loose photographic postcards, programs, handbills, and newspaper clippings, most of which are signed and have been inserted between the leaves. Identifiable among the signers are: the opera singer, Mme. Charles Cahier, violinist, Jascha Heifetz, conductor, Ferdinand Löwe, composers Giacomo Puccini and Richard Strauss, and American suffragist, Carrie Chapman Catt. In addition to the famous names represented, the album contains numerous autographs belonging to Hungarian musicians or other individuals not as well known outside of Hungary.

Access: Some collections held by the Dance, Music, Recorded Sound, and Theatre Divisions at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts are held off-site and must be requested in advance. Please check the collection records in the NYPL’s online catalog for detailed location information. For general guidance about requesting offsite materials, please consult: https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials

Preferred citation: Lajos Szendi autograph album, Music Division, The New York Public Library

Language of the Material: Some signatures with inscriptions, as well as some signatures on printed items contain text in Hungarian and German

Creator History

Lajos Szendi (or Szendy) may have been related to the Hungarian composer, pianist, and music teacher, Árpád Szendy. He collected numerous autographs of musicians and other notables working in,
or passing through, Budapest, Hungary during the early twentieth century.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
- Autograph albums
- Handbills
- Photographic postcards
- Programs
- Visiting cards

**Subjects**
- Composers -- Autographs
- Conductors (Music) -- Autographs
- Contraltos -- Autographs
- Musicians -- Autographs
- Musicians -- Hungary -- Autographs
- Suffragists -- Autographs

**Names**
- Szendi, Lajos
- Cahier, Charles, Mme., 1870-1951
- Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947
- Heifetz, Jascha, 1901-1987
- Löwe, Ferdinand, 1863-1925
- Puccini, Giacomo, 1858-1924
- Strauss, Richard, 1864-1949