

Guide to the

Marjorie Yates collection of material principally relating to Myra Hess 1941-1996
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# **Summary**

Creator: Yates, Marjorie, 1900-1996

Title: Marjorie Yates collection of material principally relating to Myra Hess

**Date**: 1941-1996

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**Abstract:** Dame Myra Hess (1890-1965) was an English pianist. During the Second World War she organized and performed in hundreds of lunch time concerts at the National Gallery which had been emptied because of the threat of air raids. Marjorie Yates, a pianist and friend of Myra Hess, was born in England and moved in 1926 to the United States, where she taught music until 1968. Henriette Michelson was a piano teacher at The Juilliard School in New York City during the 1930's and 1940's, and later a resident of Jerusalem. Tobias Matthay (1858-1945) was an English piano teacher, author of works on piano technique, and composer. Photographic portraits of Myra Hess, Marjorie Yates, and Henriette Michelson; reproduction of a drawing of Mendelssohn by Varges; texts of speeches by Myra Hess about wartime concerts and about her teacher Tobias Matthay; programs, reviews, clippings, and other material about Myra Hess; clipping of obituary of Marjorie Yates.

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## **Creator History**

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# **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings Letters (correspondence) Pamphlets Portraits Programs Reviews Silver gelatin prints

#### **Subjects**

Music teachers Pianists World War, 1939-1945 -- Music and the war

#### **Names**

Yates, Marjorie, 1900-1996 Hess, Myra, Dame, 1890-1965 Matthay, Tobias, 1858-1945 Michelson, Henriette American Music Collection