

**GUIDE TO THE RECORDS
OF THE
MUSIC STUDY CLUB OF PORT WASHINGTON**



Music Study Club members gather for the Club's 50th Anniversary, 1968

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MUSIC STUDY CLUB OF PORT WASHINGTON

INTRODUCTION:

Originally known as the “Tuesday Afternoon Musical”, the Music Study Club of Port Washington was founded in 1919 by a group of local musicians who met informally to perform and discuss music. The first of the informal meetings was held at the home of Mrs. Richard Sweezy on Reid Avenue, with Mrs. Florence Engel, Mrs. Mullon, Mrs. Lowry, and Mrs. Olive Singer all in attendance. In 1925 the Club joined the National Federation of Music Clubs. Since the inception of the club, the meetings have begun with the presentation of a research paper on a musicological topic which has been chosen in advance by the members. This portion of the meeting, which precedes the musical performance, is integral to the club’s ongoing mission.

In the years after World War II the club made several changes, allowing non-performing (Associate) members to join, while continuing the traditional structure of the meetings. The club continues to thrive and to serve the community through the Olive Singer awards for Port Washington Public School students, charitable contributions to local organizations, and public performances.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The records of the Music Study Club of Port Washington include minutes, reports, programs, photographs, and clippings documenting the history of the club and its activities. The papers contain early program booklets and records of music and performers for the club’s meetings. Also included is a history of the Music Study Club written by Marie Bird in 1953.

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged into three series:

- SERIES I: Administrative Files**
- SERIES II: Program Files**
- SERIES III: Photographs**
- SERIES IV: Clippings**
- SERIES V: Miscellaneous**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:

Series I: Administrative Files, [1953-2006] (20 folders)

Files include minutes, reports, attendance and membership information, records of the awards program, the constitution and by-laws of the club, and the club history written by Marie Bird in 1953.

Series II: Program Files [1921-2009] (18 folders)

Files contain early printed programs of club meetings and also program information listing performers and music for the years 1981-2007. In addition the files contain information on choosing program themes and a selection of research papers presented by members. Some of the season program booklets for the early years for the club were hand made and decorated by the members.

Series III: Photographs [1951-1998] (3 folders)

Photographs and negatives of club members and programs.

Series IV: Clippings [1922 –2007] (11 folders)

Clippings regarding club meetings and events.

Series V: Miscellaneous [ca. 1937-2006] (3 folders)

Miscellaneous files relating to members, and autographs from Marjorie Elliott and Kirsten Flagstad.

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Map Case Proclamation from the Town of North Hempstead honoring the Music Study Club, May 14, 2009