

**GUIDE TO THE PORT WASHINGTON COMMUNITY CONCERT
ASSOCIATION COLLECTION**

Collection Abstract:

The collection is comprised of programs and publicity material pertaining to the Port Washington Community Concert Association, established in 1956 as a local chapter of the national organization Community Concerts, Inc.

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INTRODUCTION:

The Port Washington Community Concert Association was formed in 1956 “to bring the best in music to Port Washington.” The group, with a slogan, “A Carnegie Hall in Port Washington,” had more than 550 members. Concerts were produced by Community Concerts, Inc., which was affiliated with Columbia Artists Management, Inc. Among the artists that performed are Claudio Arrau, Todd Duncan, Carroll Glen (Mrs. Eugene List), The Golden Age Singers of London, Jaime Laredo, Parsons and Poole, Leontyne Price, The Robert Joffrey Theatre Ballet, Leonard Rose, the Westminster Choir, and Camilla Williams. The group sold memberships and sponsored an annual concert series of three or more concerts. Members were permitted to attend concerts sponsored by other local chapters. The group’s first President was Allan F. Nickerson. Other officers included Emily Ullman, Dorothy Diffenbacher, Peter Mesrobian, Elizabeth Poole, George Shimmerlik, Mrs. James H. Gibson, and Mrs. William D. Johnston.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection is comprised of a scrapbook of programs, clippings and publicity material for the 1956 through 1958 concert series, along with photographs and biographical material pertaining to performers.

BOX LIST:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	1 Scrapbook, including programs, clippings, publicity material and photographs
	2	Todd Duncan – Photographs
	3	Jaime Laredo – Photographs, Flier
	4	(Margaret) Parsons and (Clifford) Poole – Photograph, flier, biographical sketch
	5	Leonard Rose – Photograph, flier, clippings
	6	Westminster Choir – Photographs (Choir and conductors George Lynn and Warren Martin), flier
	7	Camilla Williams – Photographs, flier, “press book” (including biographical and publicity material)