

**GUIDE TO THE PORT WASHINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
POSTERS AND RECORDINGS**

Collection Abstract:

The collection consists of seasonal posters and recordings of the Port Washington (New York) Symphony Orchestra (formerly known as the Port Washington Community Orchestra) during the 1950's.

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Inclusive Dates: 1952- 1958

Size: 7 posters and 13 record albums (1 l.f.)

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INTRODUCTION:

The Port Washington Symphony Orchestra (formerly known as the Port Washington Community Orchestra) was founded in the early 1950's by Peter Mesrobian, who taught music at Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington. The orchestra performed at the Port Washington High School and the recordings were made there. Anne Chamberlain, Leonid Hambro, Stanley Hummel, David Lloyd, and Miklos Schwalb are among the soloists who performed with the orchestra.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection consists of seasonal posters and recordings of the Port Washington Symphony Orchestra, spanning the years 1952-1958. There are 20 items total (7 posters, plus 13 records). The collection includes recordings of the Orchestra's 1952 Spring Concert, conducted by Peter Mesrobian and held on May 28th, 1952. The other recorded event, "Music in Port Washington," which is undated, includes performances of band, choral and orchestral music by children in various Port Washington schools, as well as a piece by the Port Washington Community Orchestra.

ORGANIZATION:

Posters are listed chronologically when dates are known; records are listed numerically.

OTHER SUBJECTS:

Mesrobian, Peter
Port Washington Community Orchestra
Port Washington Schools - Band
Port Washington Schools - Chorus
Port Washington Schools - Orchestras

INVENTORY:

POSTERS

1 – Spring Concert 1952 – Port Washington Community Orchestra - Soloist Miklos Schwalb, piano - Wednesday, May 28, 1952, 8:30 P.M. - Auditorium, Port Washington Senior High School. Color cardboard (black, yellow, green, pink, white) with drawing of Miklos Schwalb, 20 x 27 ½ . (Some signs of mold)

- 2 – Concert – Port Washington Symphony Orchestra – Soloist Stanley Hummel – Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 – Tchaikowsky [sic] Symphony No. 5 – Sunday Afternoon – December 11, 1955, 3:00 P.M. – Senior High School – Port Washington, New York. Color cardboard (red, black, white), 15 x 20.
- 3 – Winter Concert – Port Washington Symphony Orchestra – Soloist Leonid Hambro [pianist] – Anthony Messina, Conductor – Sunday Afternoon – December 7, 1958, 3:00 P.M. – Paul D. Schreiber High School Auditorium, Campus Drive, off Port Washington Blvd. Black and white card stock with photos of Leonid Hambro, Anthony Messina and orchestra, 17 x 22.
- 4 – Concert – Port Washington Community Orchestra – Soloist Earle Hummel - Peter Mesrobian, Conductor – Thursday - December 4, 19??, 8:30 P.M. – Port Washington Senior High School Auditorium. Color cardboard (red, yellow, grey, black, beige), 20 x 28.
- 5 – Spring Concert – Port Washington Community Orchestra – Soloist David Lloyd, tenor – Wednesday – April 1, 19??, 8:30 P.M. – Paul D. Schreiber Senior High School. Color cardboard (yellow, red, blue, white), 20 x 28. (Slightly warped)
- 6 - Port Washington Symphony Orchestra – Soloist – James Wainner, tenor - Peter Mesrobian, Conductor – Sunday, December 13, 19??, 3:00 P.M. – Paul D. Schreiber Auditorium. Color cardboard (black, blue/grey, yellow, green, red). 15 x 20.
- 7 – Concert – Port Washington Symphony Orchestra - Soloists – Anne Chamberlain, piano – Dorothy Reichenberger, cello – Peter Mesrobian, Conductor – Sunday Afternoon – March 25, 19??, 3:00 P.M. – Senior High School. Color cardboard (black, red, yellow, blue, white) 15 x 20. (Lower left corner slightly ripped)

RECORDS:

Concert 1:

Port Washington Community Orchestra, Peter Mesrobian, Conductor

Recorded May 28, 1952

(78 R.P.M: B & B Recording Service, all 12" vinyl-coated metallic silver acetate, except for #1033 which is 9 ¾ ")

<u>Record #</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Content</u>
1030	(2 copies)	
	A	Chorale
	B	Chorale; Dance Russe [sic]
1031	(2 copies)	
	A	Concerto in A Minor – Schumann
	B	Concerto in A Minor – Schumann

<u>Record #</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Content</u>
1032 (2 copies)	A	Concerto in A Minor – Schumann
	B	Capriccio; Preludes
1033	A	Pas de Six
	B	Pas de Six
1034 (2 copies)	A	Rumanian Folk Dances
	B	Rumanian Folk Dances
1035 (2 copies)	A	Legend of Glass Mountain
	B	Jamaican Rumba [sic]; Comedians [sic] Gallop

Concert 2:

Music in Port Washington – Featuring – School and Community Groups – George A. Christopher – Supervisor of Music

(33 1/3 R.P.M vinyl. Ficker Recording Service. Old Greenwich, Connecticut.)

1703 (2 copies)	A	Band 1: First Grade Rhythm Band; Elementary Chorus; Elementary Orchestra; Elementary Band Band 2: Jr. H.S. Orchestra; Jr. H.S. Chorus; Jr. H.S. Band Band 3: Senior H.S. Choir; All-School Orchestra
	B	Band 1: All-School Band Band 2: Community Orchestra Band 3: Community Chorus; Community Band