

Buffalo Music History:

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About the Collection

The Grosvenor Room, the Special Collections department of the Central Library, has resources to help you research Buffalo's rich music history. The local history collection includes books on music organizations and musicians, as well as scrapbooks, clipping files, and thousands of programs that document music performances.

These items are reference materials and must be used in the Grosvenor Room. There may be duplicate copies of books that can be borrowed from the Non-fiction department or from another BECPL branch.

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Song books, sheet music, and LP records are available in the Grosvenor Room and most can be borrowed. CDs and DVDs are shelved in the Media Room at the Central Library.

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GRO	=	Grosvenor Collection
NON-FICT	=	Non-Fiction
MEDIA	=	Media Room
*RBR	=	Rare Book Room, appointment needed
Ref.	=	Reference book
Stacks	=	Closed Stacks, ask for retrieval

Indexes & Starting Points		
Resource	Years	Location
Blackmon Index to Concerts An index of all concerts and recitals performed in Buffalo between the years 1918—1927 by both local and visiting solo artists, choral and instrumental ensembles. It serves as an incredible insight into the musical life of American society during the immediate post-World War I decade. There are three indices for the collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • programs, by date, with full music listings • solo artists, ensembles • composers, with listings of works performed 	1918-1928	Closed Stacks
Buffalo Composers File Biographical facts are stated, such as genre of music and work titles. Citations to articles, books, and vertical files are sometimes given.	c. 1970s-1990s	Grosvenor Room card files
The Buffalo File A card file of facts and citations to periodicals, scrapbooks, and books. Information on individuals can be found under profession headings (i.e. artists, music and musicians, etc.).	c. 1920-1960	Grosvenor Room card files
Buffalo Musicians File Biographical facts are given about individuals and bands. Information often includes awards won, album names, instruments played, and citations to newspaper articles, vertical files, and books.	c. late 1980s-early 2000s	Grosvenor Room card files
Buffalonia Vertical Files Vertical files contain newspaper clippings and periodical articles, pamphlets, and miscellaneous material. Example topics: Buffalo Music History, Buffalo Singing Societies, Jazz-Buffalo, Music Halls, Nightclubs, Opera-Buffalo, and Songs-Buffalo & WNY, as well as names of individuals, bands, and others.	Primarily 1970-present. Some earlier items.	Grosvenor Room Reference Desk
Local History File: A card index for Buffalo newspapers, magazines, and some books. Example music topics: Bands, Choruses and Choirs, Clubs, Music, Musicians, Opera, Orchestras, Singers, Violinists and Violins, [name of orchestra]	Primarily 1930s to the 1980s, with some earlier and later entries.	Grosvenor Room card files
Famous Speakers and Visitors File: An index to Buffalo's cultural life, with citations for composers, singers, musicians, actors, plays, operas, bands, orchestras, concerts, lectures, and performers.	Mid 1800's through the 1960's, some 1970's.	Grosvenor Room card files
See also our <u>Buffalo Theater Research: Selected Sources in the Grosvenor Room</u> Includes some sources pertaining to music theaters as well as dramatic theaters. https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/special-collections/guides/Theater%20Research.pdf		

Buffalo Music History	
c. 1800-1850	Buffalo ML200.8.B9 P2 Pascal, Samuel. A history of musical preparation and performed musical activity in the community of Buffalo during the first half of the 19th century; a thesis...presented to the Graduate School, Canisius College [Buffalo], [publisher not identified], [1950]
1827-1927	Buffalo ML405 .D3 Centennial of the House of Denton, Cottier & Daniels, incorporated : memoirs of one hundred years, 1827-1927 Buffalo, N.Y.: J.W. Clement Co., 1927 A piano store in Buffalo; includes history of piano music in Buffalo.
1830s-1980s	ML200.8.B8 F35 2017 Falkowski, Rick History of Buffalo music and entertainment : A nostalgic journey into Buffalo New York's musical heritage from the 1830s to the early 1980s Williamsville, N.Y. the author, 2017.
1832-1932	Buffalo ML200.8.B9 L35 Larned, Mary, 1864-1940. [Music in Buffalo from 1832-1932] [Buffalo, 1932?]
1843-1982	Buffalo MT930.V6 G7 Volk, Terese M. The growth and development of music education in the Buffalo public schools, 1843-1982 [Buffalo] : [The Author], 1982
1851-1994	Buffalo ML1711.8.B9 B35 1994 Baldwin, Janiece Epke. A short chronicle of the long history of opera in Buffalo [Williamsville, N.Y.]: Operabuffs of WNY, Inc., 1994
c. 1900-2001	Closed Stacks Pan-American Exposition Collection Two file boxes containing items such as pamphlets, photographs, vertical files, 78 rpm records.
1918-1927	Buffalo ML42.B9 B6 Blackmon, Helen Carol Prim Concert music performed in Buffalo, N.Y., 1918-1927 [Buffalo, N.Y., 1954.] Includes an introduction to the Blackmon Index to Concerts, 1918-1927
1931-1975	Buffalo ML15 .B9 M9 1931-1975 Music Calendar for Buffalo: compiled annually for the convenience of musicians, and those interested in hearing them.
1950s-1970s	Buffalo ML3521 .L44 2001 Lee, Patti Meyer Don't bother knockin'-- this town's a rockin' Buffalo, N.Y. : Buffalo Sounds Press, [2001]

1964-1980	Buffalo ML200.8.B8 L48 2010 Levine, Renée This life of sounds : Evenings for new music in Buffalo New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
1987-1992	Buffalo ML87 .M855 2008 Mulley, Michael Louder than hell: Metal, punk, hardcore, 1987-1992 [Buffalo, N.Y.] : Michael Mulley, [2008]

Musical Societies & Schools	
Buffalo ML28 .A6 A6 1956 Amherst Symphony Orchestra 10th anniversary : Amherst Symphony Orchestra [Amherst, N.Y.] : Amherst Symphony Orchestra, 1956	
Buffalo ML28.B9 B44 Barnette, W. Leslie An informal history of the Buffalo Chamber Music Society Buffalo :Printed for the Society,1973	
Buffalo ML28.B9 B43 1999 Buffalo Chamber Music Society Buffalo Chamber Music Society : 1924-1999 Buffalo, N.Y.: [The Society], c[1999?]	
Buffalo ML28.B9 B435 2013 Buffalo Chamber Music Society Buffalo Chamber Music Society : 1924-2014 Buffalo, N.Y. :Buffalo Chamber Music Society, c[2013]	
Buffalo ML200.8.A4 A4 The Amherst Symphony Orchestra, 1946-1966 [Snyder, N. Y.]: [Amherst Symphony Orchestra], [1966?]	
Buffalo ML 200.8 .B8 K63 1953 Kleinhans Music Hall Buffalo, N.Y. : Kleinhans Music Hall Management, [1953]	
Buffalo ML200.8.B92 A7 Viva Vivaldi V: fifth anniversary festival book, 1979-83 Ars Nova Musicians [Buffalo] : [Ars Nova], [1983]	
Buffalo MT4.B9 B8 1920-21 Announcement – Buffalo Conservatory of Music Buffalo: Buffalo Conservatory of Music	
Buffalo MT955 .R96 2015 Ruminski, Valerian The Nickel City solution : festival opera for under \$100,000 [Buffalo, N.Y.] : [publisher not identified], 2015	

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO)

BPO histories and publications

Lee, Raya. **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: the BPO celebrates the first 75 years.** Buffalo, N.Y.: Buffalo Heritage Unlimited, [2010]. Buffalo ML 200.8 .B92 L44 2010

Stillier, Andrew Philip. **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: Golden anniversary commemorative book.** [Buffalo, N.Y.]: The Orchestra, [1985]. Buffalo ML200.8.B92 B9 1985

The Members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Buffalo ML200.8.B9 M4 1974/75

Philharmonic Herald (weekly bulletin published 1942-1943) Buffalo Stacks ML28. B8 B87

Final Report of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Task Force Buffalo ML200.8. B92 B88 1991

History of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

<https://bpo.org/mission-and-history/>

<http://archives.bpo.org/>

BPO Scrapbooks, 1932- circa 2000.

Buffalo Stacks archives.
Newspaper reviews and other clippings from Buffalo and beyond covering the concerts, conductors, and recordings of the BPO. One scrapbook is dedicated to conductor Michael Tilson Thomas.

BPO Programs.

Buffalo Stacks ML42.B9 B93.
Bound volumes: Feb. 1934 - Jun. 2003, Sept. 2009 - Jun. 2013 (Missing Jan.-Feb. 2013), Sept. 2013 - Jun. 2014; Boxed: Oct. 2014 - Summer 2017. Pops Concerts: Jan. 31, 1969 - Nov. 28, 1980 (Incomplete). Current programs are continuously added.

BPO Recordings:

LP records in the Grosvenor reference-only collection. Other BPO recordings on LP and CD that can be borrowed are found in the BECPL catalog:

<https://tinyurl.com/BPOcatalogsearch>

American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Composers Award: Morton Subotnick & Donald Grantham. Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, n.d.).

Americana. Lukas Foss, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, n.d.).

Beethoven, Symphony No. 9 in D minor. Josef Krips, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded April 4, 1954, Buffalo NY).

Christmas in Concert. Julius Rudel, Music Director (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded September 28, 1979, Buffalo NY).

The Complete Music of Carl Ruggles. Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, c.1980).

Festival! A Gala Birthday Celebration. Seymon Bychkov, Conductor, with Roberta Peters (33-1/3 rpm LP, c.1985).

Geod For Orchestra (1969). Lukas Foss, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded 1969).

Gershwin on Broadway. Michael Tilson Thomas, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, c.1977).

Holcomb, Fred – French Horn. Franco Autori, Conductor (CD informal recording, c.1941).

Iannis Xenakis and Krzysztof Penderecki. Lukas Foss, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded March 1968)

Jean Sibelius: 4 Legends from 'The Kalevala.' Lukas Foss, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded March 1968).

John Cage/Concerto for Prepared Piano & Orchestra and Lukas Foss/Baroque Variations. Lukas Foss, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, recorded March 1968, Buffalo NY)

Light Out of Darkness by Normand Lockwood. Josef Krips, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP, n.d.).

Sancta Civitas. Josef Krips, Conductor (33-1/3 rpm LP recorded November 22, 1954, Buffalo NY).

Shostakovich, Symphony No. 7 'Leningrad.' William Steinberg, Conductor (78 rpm, performed December 1946; 33-1/3 rpm LP, same recording; CD, same recording).

Music Halls

Buffalo Theatres prior to 1930: An ever-growing index of references by Ranjit Sandhu.

An extensive compilation of references on venues, including general history, concert saloons, concert halls, burlesque, vaudeville, and cinemas. Look up venue by name or address. *Available at the Grosvenor Room Reference Desk. See a librarian for access.*

Buffalo ML 200.8 .B8 K63 1953

Kleinhans Music Hall

Buffalo, N.Y. :Kleinhans Music Hall Management, [1953]

Buffalo MT3.U5 B84

State University of New York at Buffalo

The dedication of the Frank B. and Cameron Baird Music Hall, Frederick C. and Alice Slee Chamber Hall, November 19, 1981, State University of New York at Buffalo

[Buffalo] : SUNYAB,| [1981?]

See also **Concert Programs - Venues**

Musicians	
Buffalo ML410.A76 R56 2015 Rimler, Walter The man that got away : the life and songs of Harold Arlen Urbana : University of Illinois Press, [2015]	
Buffalo ML410.H48 H2 Hanser, Richard. <i>Buffalo melody men : Ray Henderson : wrote "Sonny Boy" in rush to meet order from Al Jolson</i> [Buffalo, N.Y.] : Buffalo Times, 1931.	
Buffalo ML410.Y35 A36 Yellen, Jack The songwriter and the red head [Buffalo], [publisher not identified], [1970]	
Buffalo ML410.Y36 H2 Hanser, Richard. <i>Buffalo melody makers: Jack Yellen: one little nap too many sent him up to Tin Pan Alley to fame and fortune</i> [Buffalo, N.Y.] : [Buffalo Times], 1931.	
Buffalo ML417.K68 A3 2008 Koch, Ronald Playing the piano around Buffalo : autobiography of Karl W. Koch [Buffalo]: [The author], 2008	
Buffalo ML420.D56 A3 2019 DiFranco, Ani No walls and the recurring dream : A memoir New York, New York : Viking, 2019	
Buffalo ML420.D56 Q57 2000 Quirino, Raffaele. Ani DiFranco : righteous babe Kingston, Ont. : Quarry Press, [2000]	
Buffalo ML420.D56 Q57 2004 Raffaele Quirino Ani DiFranco : righteous babe revisited Kingston, Ont. : Fox Music Books, 2004	
Buffalo ML420 .G8 L2 La Brew, Arthur R. The black swan: Elizabeth T. Greenfield : songstress Detroit, [publisher not identified], 1969.	
Buffalo MT40 .S98 1988 Swados, Elizabeth Listening out loud : becoming a composer New York : Harper & Row, [1988] <i>American writer, composer, musician and theatre director.</i>	
Buffalo Musicians File A card-file of biographical facts about individuals and bands. Information often includes awards won, album names, instruments played, and citations to newspaper articles, vertical files, and books. Covers late 1980s-early 2000s	
See also Scrapbooks	

Music Businesses

<p>Buffalo ML405 .D3 Centennial of the House of Denton, Cottier & Daniels, incorporated : memoirs of one hundred years, 1827-1927 Buffalo, N.Y.: J.W. Clement Co., 1927 <i>A piano store in Buffalo.</i></p>	
<p>Buffalo ML 1081 .A3 1983 V. 1 and V. 2 Adams, Frank Wurlitzer jukeboxes and other nice things, 1934-1974 Seattle, WA: AMR Pub. Co., 1983-1984 <i>Wurlitzer was located in North Tonawanda, NY for a number of years.</i></p>	
<p>Buffalo ML1092 .P56 2002 Pinch, Trevor Analog days : the invention and impact of the Moog synthesizer Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2002 <i>Moog was in Buffalo 1971-1974.</i></p>	

Directories

<p>Buffalo ML 15 .B8 S8 Stoeckel's official directory of music, entertainment, drama [Buffalo]: Stoeckel Publishing ; etc., 1941-</p>	<p>1941, 1947, 1951/52</p>
<p>Buffalo ML128.B9 A6 The year book of the American artists club : season 1924-1925 - American Artists Club Buffalo, N.Y. : The Club, [1924]</p>	<p>1924/25. A typed index is included.</p>
<p>GRO Ref F129.B8B68 The Buffalo Artists' Register Heacock, Lee F., ed. Buffalo: Heacock Publishing, 1926</p>	<p>Personal, educational, and professional information about Buffalo area artists (theater, music, visual arts, architecture, and education). Includes some portraits.</p>
<p>See also general city directories: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#7</p>	

Newspapers and Magazines

To locate articles on specific topics, use the Local History File in the Grosvenor Room. See the **Indexes & Starting Points** section of this guide. For more information on Buffalo newspapers in the collection, see www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#newspapers

Newspapers and Magazines

Buffalo AI3 .W4

Western New York Index

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. [Buffalo] : The Library, 1984-1986.

A select index to Buffalo newspapers. Also available online:

<http://www.nyheritage.org/collections/western-new-york-index>

Fulton History

A free website that includes a massive collection of full-text newspapers including some for Buffalo from the 1840s to 1970. See the FAQs for search tips.

<http://www.fultonhistory.com>

Buffalo Stacks PN53 .B833 Artvoice	Biweekly newspaper with art and music coverage in WNY.	1990-2017
Buffalo F129 .B8 B925 Buffalo Rising	Focuses on entertainment, attractions, restaurants, neighborhoods, and people.	2004-2009
Buffalo Mag .B9 Buffalo Saturday Night [1921-1923]; New House News [1923]; Heacock's [1923-1925]; The Buffalo Arts Journal [1925-1927]; Town Tidings [1927-1937]	Society magazines that covered art, theater, music, literature, dance, architecture, etc.	1921-1937
Buffalo F129 .B8 B926 Buffalo Spree	Buffalo area entertainment and other local topics.	1967-current
Buffalo Stacks PN53 .B84 Buffalo Beat	Art and culture news	1997-2001

Photographs

RBR WNYO 1890.P46

[Performing Artists Photograph Collection, 1890-1976]

The collection is a chronicle of the performing artists that graced Buffalo stages from the late nineteenth through mid-twentieth century. It contains black & white and sepia toned photos of musicians, singers, dancers, and actors that performed in Buffalo. Photo types include cartes de visite, cabinet cards, publicity shots, and modern headshots. Several later photos appear to have been used in press releases and articles. The dates on the photographs range from 1895-1976; the bulk is from 1900 to 1950. The bulk of the collection is comprised of photos personally collected by Marian De Forest, Mai Davis Smith, and Zorah Berry, circa 1900-1950. Others were donated to, or acquired by, the Buffalo Public Library and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

Concert Programs

The earliest programs are from the 1860s, and the bulk of the collection is 1900-1960. Programs are continuously collected. The collection is arranged into two series: I. Organization/Personal Name, which includes Festivals, and II. Venues, which includes theatres, halls, clubs, private homes, churches, libraries, hospitals, hotels, and schools. Each series is arranged chronologically within.

Note: Most of the programs in the collection are housed in the Closed Stacks. Few were bound and cataloged and can be more readily located in the Buffalo Collection.

See also the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra** section in this guide.

See also scrapbooks for more programs.

I. Organization or personal name	Years
65th Regiment Band	1895-1898
Amateur Operatic Company	1858-1859
American Guild of Organists, Buffalo Chapter	1902-2015. See also other materials, scrapbooks
Amherst Chamber Orchestra/Ensembles	2007, 2018
Amherst Saxophone Quartet	1983-1985, 1987/1988, 1990/1991, 1996/1997
Amherst Symphony Orchestra	1950s-1980s. See also 1947-2012, incomplete ML42.A5 A5, ML28.A6 A6 1956
Arbeiter Liederkrantz	1938-1939
ARS Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra	1965-2015
Aschenbroedel Society	1900-1901
Balcom, H. Tracy	1902
Black Hills Alliance, Buffalo Chapter	1980
BPO Pops – 1941-1950	
Brunch with Bach	1977
Buffalo (International) Quartette	1871
Buffalo Academy	1851-1853, undated
Buffalo Blaser Quintet	1980s, undated
Buffalo Centennial Chorus	1932
Buffalo Chamber Music Society	1940-2001, misc 2016-2019.
Buffalo Chamber-Music Club	1899-1900
Buffalo Choral Arts Society	1966-2017
Buffalo Choral Union	1872-1876, , includes constitution, by-laws, membership cards, tickets
Buffalo Civic Opera Company	1936-1939

Buffalo Civic Orchestra	1945 See also 1933 in Buf ML42 .B7 B6 1933
Buffalo Civic Symphony Orchestra	1929
Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus	2002-2003
Buffalo Glee Association / Buffalo Glee Club	1866, undated
Buffalo Grand Opera Society	1908
Buffalo Jazz Ensemble	1976
Buffalo Liedertafel	1868-1900, also tickets, history, invitations, membership cards
Buffalo Municipal Orchestra	1914-1916
Buffalo Musical Association, see also Festivals	1885, 1886, 1889, 1892, 1896
Buffalo Musical Circle	1890
Buffalo Musical Foundation (Mai Davis Smith, later Marian de Forest)	Young People's concerts, 1922-1934; Evening concerts, 1927-1934
Buffalo New Music Ensemble	1989
Buffalo Opera Comique	1936, 1956
Buffalo Opera Company	1933
Buffalo Opera Unlimited	1987, 2000
Buffalo Operatic Choir	1936
Buffalo Oratorio Chorus	1933
Buffalo Oratorio Society	1899
Buffalo Orchestra Association John Lund , est. 1887, see also later name Buffalo Symphony Orchestra	1887-1892
Buffalo Orchestra, est 1899, Dir by Josef Karl Hartfuer	1889, 1900-1903
Buffalo Orchestra, 1930s, see BPO	
Buffalo Orchestral Society, est. 1908 John Lund	1908, 1909, 1915
Buffalo Orpheus	1875-1950, 1958, plus membership cards & tickets
Buffalo Park Band	1910
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra - Popular Concerts given by Citizens' Committee Inc. organized September 6 1902 Directed by John Lund.	1902
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, established circa 1935	See Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra section
Buffalo Philharmonic Society, established 1853	1853-1855
Buffalo Philharmonic Society, established 1884	1884-1887. See also ML42.B9 B927 1884/85, 1885/86, 1886/87
Buffalo Philharmonic String Quartette	undated
Buffalo Saengerbund, Saengerfests	1860-1938
Buffalo Schola Cantorum	1938-1990
Buffalo Silver Band	1980

Buffalo String Quartette	1885-1900
Buffalo Symphonette	1948-1976
Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, established 1892 (See previous name Buffalo Orchestra)	1892-1898
Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, established 1921	1923-1940
Buffalo Symphony Orchestral Society	See Buffalo Symphony Orchestra
Buffalo Symphony Society	1929-1932, 1935
Buffalo Teutonia Liederkranz	1906-1909, 1912
Buffalo Vocal Society	1887-1898
Buffalo Zither Club	1892, 1894, 1898, 1961, 1969
Camenae String Quartet	1978, 1979, 1982-1985
Camerata Singers	1978-1987
Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra	1964, 1977, 1985-1999
Chopin Singing Society	1939-1975, undated. Oversize 1934
Choral Guild of Buffalo	1937
Chromatic Club	1903-2018, members books/lists 1903-1905, 1914-1915
Civic Music Association of Orchard Park	See Orchard Park Symphony
Clarence Summer Music Festival	1976-1985, undated
Clef Club of Buffalo	1908-1914
Collegium Musicum	See Schools-UB
Community Chorus	1917-1923
Community Concert Association	1930s?
Community Music School, see also First Settlement Music School	1963-2008, 2018 (not inclusive)
Concerted Music Club	1892
Continental Singing Society	1863-1870
Desert Dancers	1977
Deutscher Saengerbund	1886-1890
Elmwood Minstrels	1900
Empire State Ballet Theatre	1976
First Settlement Music School	1933
Freudig Singers	1986-1989, 2015, 2018
Friends of Harmony (Amherst barbershop quartet)	1975
Friends of Vienna	1979-1996, 2007
Frohsinn Singing Society, See also Festivals-Central New York Saengerbund	1939-1967
German-American Musicians	1950s

Germania Musical Society	1853
Gilmore's Band	1875-1889
Gounod Choral Club	1910-1911
Greater Buffalo Opera Company	1990-1992, undated
Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra	1979, 2015
Guido Chorus	1905-1917, 1925, 1933, 1940, 1956-1965. Oversize 1929. See also ML42 .B9 G9 V.1 & 2
Harugari Frohsinn	1935-1938. Oversize 1929. See also ML42 .B9 G9, 1st-11th seasons, 1905-1914
Hart House String Quartet	1934
Helvetia Saenger Verein	1879
Kalina Singing Society	1967, 2014, 2016, 2018
Kenmore Choral Club	1950
Lancaster Choral Club, Lancaster Men's Chorus	1953
Lind, Jenny	1850-1852
Lirnik Singing Society	1930-25th Jubilee. See also 1851 ML42.B9 P8 Buffalo Stacks
Male Choir Bavaria	1937-1954
Master Chorale of WNY	1971-1982, 2013-2016
McKinley Band of Buffalo	1928
Mendelssohn Club	1886
Mendelssohn Vocal Society 1882	1882
Musica Intima See also Opera Sacra	1977-1991
Nickel City Opera	2013-2013
Nostalgia	1984-1993
Opera Sacra	1984-1989, 2001, 2006, 2013, 2015
Operabuffs	1988-1989
Opera-Lytes	2017
OPUS: Classics Live	1986-1989
Orchard Park Chorale,	1977-1995, 2016
Orchard Park Symphony,	1968-1986
Orchestral Club	1894-1901
Paderewski Singing Society	1951-1967, bulletin (newsletter) 1965-1969
Philharmonic Chorus of Buffalo	1907-1908
Philharmonic Society of Buffalo , see also May Music Festival	1902-1916
Philidor	1885-1892
Piccolo Society	1987

Polish Singing Circle	1924-1966
QRS Arts Foundation	1974-1997
Rubenstein Club	1911-1912
Schwaebischer Saengerbund / Schwaebischer Maennerchor	1935-1947
Singing Boys of Buffalo	1948-1953
Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing	1948, 1962
Sunday Evening Ensemble Concerts	1933, 1935-1936
Swiss Mixed Chorus	1940s
Teutonia Maennerchors	1897
Tony Piccolo and his Orchestra	1980, 1981
United German Singing Societies	1883-1970, undated
Vocalis Chamber Choir	2019
Western New York Chamber Orchestra	2010
Western New York Chorale	1985-2002
Western New York Opera Theatre	1978
Wolanek String Quartet of Buffalo,	1940
Yale Glee and Banjo Club,	1890s
Young Men's Christian Association	1896, undated
Zorah Berry Collection	1927-1965. See Zorah Berry section
Festivals	Years
Book of the Festival, Buffalo Music Festival Association, Buffalo Music Association	1884, 1887, 1888. See also 1884, 1887, 1888, 1891 ML42.B9 B8 Buffalo Stacks
Buffalo Grand Opera Festival, Bessie Bellanca Presents	1935
Central New York Saengerbund, hosted by Frohsinn Singing Society	1962, 1968
Christmas music events, municipal, churches	undated
Clarence Summer Music Festival	1976-1985, undated
Congregation Brith Sholem Fair	Oversize 1898
Grand Opera Festival, Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company, at Kleinhans	1944, 1945. See also 1944, 1945, 1946 ML45.A3 Buffalo Stacks
May Music Festival - May music festival under the auspices of the Philharmonic Society of Buffalo. Official program book, containing explanatory notes, texts, and portraits - Buffalo Philharmonic Society.	1891, 1909-1917, 1936. See also 1910-1917, ML38.B7 B9 Buffalo Stacks. <i>1891, 1936 years might be different organization</i>
National American Music Festival	1921, undated. Oversize 1922. See also 1922-23, 1925-26, ML28 .B9 A6 Buffalo Stacks
North American New Music Festival	1983-1990, 1995
Roycroft Chamber Music Festival	undated

Saengerfest see also Saengerbund	Oversize 1883
Spring Festival, Civic Music Committee	1933
United Folk Festival	1969
II. Venue	Years
Academy of Music	1852-1894, includes cloth. Oversize 1875
Albright- Knox/Fine Arts Academy	1937-2015 (not inclusive)
Allendale Theatre	1923
American Hall	1847-1860
Artpark	1974-1990s, 2010, 2015
Aurora Theatre (East Aurora, NY)	1928
Broadway Auditorium	1914, 1917-1919, 1924, 1930
Buffalo Civic Stadium	1939
Buffalo Consistory Auditorium	1926-1941
Buffalo Museum of Science "Twilight Music Hour"	1931-1947.
Buffalo Players Theatre	1923
Burchfield Center/Burchfield-Penney Art Center	1986, 2001
Catholic Institute	1899-1903
Century Theatre	dates
Chapter House	1885, 1886, 1892, 1900
Churches	Calvary Church (Williamsville) 1970s; Central Church, Paderewski, 1900; Lafayette Assembly Hall, 1927 oversize; St. John Kanty, 1935; St. Paul's Cathedral, 1934-2010; Westminster Presbyterian, 1935-1995, 2018; Other, 1891-2016
Circle Art	dates
Concert Hall	1848-1890, 1896
Consistory Auditorium see Buffalo Consistory Auditorium	
Convention Hall	1900-1916. Oversize 1901, 1907, 1911
Court Street Theatre	1885
Elmwood Music Hall	1892-1938. Oversize 1923, 1926
Exposition	1885
Exposition Casino	Oversize 1885
Goodell Hall	1874, 1880
Grand Opera House	1892. Oversize 1887
Hallwalls	dates

Harmonia Hall	1896
Het Steenen Huis (South Wales NY)	1927-1928
Hospitals	1905, 1936
Hotel Statler	1912-1957
Institute Hall	1912
International Institute	1957
Jewish Center of Buffalo	1956-1964, 1985, 1990
Kleinhans	1936-2017 (not inclusive). See also BPO, Zorah Berry
Knights of Columbus Auditorium/Hall	1921, 1923, 1924, 1929
Kremlin Hall	1873 Signor Nuno
Lafayette Theatre	1927
Lancaster Opera House	1978-2015
Leonard Adams Studio of Musical Arts	1920s-1930s
Libraries – Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	1964-2014
Libraries – Grosvenor Library	1926-1950
Loew's	
Loud Hall	1899-1901
Lyceum Theatre	1906. Oversize 1898
Lyric Theatre	1907
Majestic Theatre	1912
Melody Faire	1970s-1987
Memorial Auditorium 1942	1942
Music Hall	1883-1899. Oversize 1883, 1884, 1889, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1896
Opera House, circa 1861	1861. Oversize 1861
Opera House	1865-1869
Orchard Park Symphony Orchestra	1953-1957
Orient Hall	1904
Palace of Trade	1886
Park Theatre 1905	1905
The Playhouse 1924	1924
Prospect Avenue Opera House	1872
Private homes	1901-Albright house on Ferry 1919 1930s Katharine Park-Lewis 1916 1921
Recitals -- Philidor Musicale, Matinee Musicale, Madame Hilma Berg.	ML44.B9 P8 Buffalo Stacks [Programs of piano recitals given in Buffalo between 1883 and 1894].

Recitals - Flora Locke	
Recitals - Jenny Lind	
Recitals - Juilliard	
Ringueberg Hall Lockport	Oversize 1852
Riviera Theatre	1975
Schools	High schools, 1930s-1980s; Buffalo State College, 1931-1995; Canisius College, 1899, 1950, 1980-1999; Daeman College, previously Rosary Hill, 1951-1995; University at Buffalo, 1940-2012; Villa Maria College, 1965-1993; Colleges, other 1895, 1896, 1989, 1991.
Schenkelbergers Hall	1876
Schuper House	1980
Shea's – opera, dance, music events	1951, 1966, 1967, 1976-1994. (Harvey & Corky productions circa 1983-1987).
Shelby's Theatre Comique	Oversize 1872, undated
St. James Hall	1857-1889. Oversize 1857, 1860
St. Stephen's Hall	undated
Star	1889-1900, 1902, 1905, 1910, 1913
Teck	1900-1904. Oversize 1902
Town Club	1929, 1934
Townsend Hall	1851-1852
Twentieth Century Club	1898-1939
Utica Street Armory	1896
Wahle's Opera House	1882-1884
YMCA Hall	1896, undated

Concert Programs – Zorah Berry Collection

Zorah Berry Collection, 1926-1965. Buffalo stacks ML42.B9 Z67 1926-1965

Concert programs and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings documenting the musicians, singers, and dancers who came to Buffalo during Zorah Berry's career as a successful impresario . Most of the performances took place at the Buffalo Consistory, Elmwood Music Hall, and Kleinhans Music Hall. Series I: Programs, 1927 -1965, arranged chronologically by concert season -- Series II: Five Scrapbooks, June 1926--September 1956, arranged chronologically.

For more information on Berry and the collection, see <https://www.buffalolib.org/collection-studies/zorah-berry-collection>

Selected Song Collections

The Harold Arlen (Hyman Arluck) Collection M1630.18.A74 S4 V.1 & 2

Seventy songs written by Harold Arlen. Arlen was born in Buffalo in 1905 and lived here until his twenties. Arlen went on to great Broadway and Hollywood success, winning an Oscar for composing "Over the Rainbow" (The Wizard of Oz).

Buffalo Collection: Songs & Imprints

A sheet music collection including vocal and piano music about Buffalo and/or by local composers and publishers.

Pan-American Exposition Songs

A sheet music collection including both originals and archival copies from the University at Buffalo's collection.

The Jack Yellen Sheet Music Collection M1630.18.Y44 S4 V.1, 2, & 3.

A collection of over 170 songs. Composer Jack Yellen grew up in Buffalo and spent his later years in Springville. His work was featured in the Ziegfeld Follies, Broadway musicals, and performed by popular singer such as Shirley Temple and Sophie Tucker. His better know songs include "Ain't She Sweet" and "Happy Days are Here Again."

Scrapbooks	Notes
GRO scrapbook shelf *PN2277 .B8B8 Theater and Convention Halls in Buffalo , v. 1-3 Buffalo newspaper clippings and printed ephemera. The <i>Local History File</i> acts as an index to these scrapbooks.	
Buffalo Stacks ML417.C95 B9 Harry Cumpson, pianist. Biographical data, programs of his concerts, clippings about the concert for the benefit of the music collection of the Buffalo Public Library, 1915; 1928-1943. Buffalo [publisher not identified], [1943?]	
Buffalo Stacks ML46 .L9 Vols. 1-3 [Scrap books of John Lund] [Buffalo, NY] : [publisher not identified], [1887-1897] Clippings and programs relating to the Buffalo Orchestra Association, Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, and Buffalo Orpheus, collected by conductor John Lund.	
Buffalo Stacks ML46 .S3 Vols. 1, 2 Hart, Louis B., compiler [Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings concerning popular songs : covering the period from 1920 to 1951] [Buffalo, N.Y.] : [publisher not identified], [1920-1951]	
Buffalo Stacks ML46 .S37 Hamlin, Emily Gray and Chauncey Hamlin [Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, concert programs and notices of musical events in Buffalo, covering the period 1921-1927] [Buffalo, N.Y.] : [publisher not identified], [1928?]	
Buffalo Stacks ML200.8.B9 B8 The Buffalo Orpheus; clippings, 1897-1913 [Buffalo], [publisher not identified], [1928]	

Scrapbooks	Notes
Buffalo Stacks ML200.8.B9 G9 The Guido Chorus. Newspaper clippings 1904-1910.	
Buffalo Stacks PN2073 T5 2 vols. The play [scrapbook of theater and concert programs, mostly from Buffalo theaters, 1924-1926]. Programs from Shea's, Shubert Teck, Majestic, and The Playhouse theatres.	
Buffalo Stacks PN2285 .S3 [Scrapbook on the theatre] Consists chiefly of facsimiles of photographs (perhaps from playbills or other) of actors and actresses performing in the theaters in the late 1800s and early 1900s; also includes newspaper articles about Helena Modjeska and her connections to Buffalo. Contains an index to actors and actresses and an index to plays.	
Zorah B. Berry Scrapbook Collection. Buffalo stacks ML42.B9 Z67 1926-1965 Zorah B. Berry was a Buffalo impresario who brought hundreds of stars of the musical world to Buffalo during her 40 year career. Mrs. Berry's long and successful concert series, <i>Zorah Berry Presents</i> , was begun in 1926 when she engaged the world-renowned <i>prima donna</i> Amelita Galli-Curci. Over the years, Berry presented concerts by illustrious singers and musicians, including Ignacy Paderewski, Fritz Kreisler, John McCormack, Yehudi Menuhin, Serge Rachmaninoff, Lily Pons, Sigmund Romberg, Jascha Heifetz and Helen Traubel. Her 5-box scrapbook collection spans June 1926—September 1956 and contains a pictorial and anecdotal history of the concert stage in Buffalo. Included within the scrapbooks are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advertisements, articles and announcements of upcoming events • Flyers • Reviews of past performances • Other articles on Berry, the theaters and musicians she worked with 	
Buffalo Stacks PN2073 .B83 Theater and concert programs, mainly in Buffalo. [1905-1934] (2 Vols) Cast lists and programs from a variety of Buffalo venues including the Star, Teck, Convention Hall, and Elmwood Music Hall. Includes many music concerts and recitals, including the Guido Chorus and symphonies. No index.	
Buffalo Stacks PN2073 .C7 Vols.1-4 [Theater performance advertisements, Buffalo, N.Y., 1877-1903] Four slim scrapbooks of advertising and casts lists for performances by Chauncey Olcott, Edwin Booth, Fanny Davenport, Ethel Barrymore, Ellen Terry, Helena Modjeska, Richard Mansfield, Marie Dressler, Julia Marlowe, John Philip Sousa, and many other artists at many different theatres, mainly at the Academy of Music, the Grand Opera House, St. James Hall, the Court Street Theatre, and the Star Theatre. Compiled by Thurston Family.	
Buffalo Stacks PN2073 .T45 Juergens, G.M. Theatre record and scrap book [1890-1922] Scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings and theater programs dating from 1890 to 1922 from the Star and Teck Theaters in Buffalo, theaters in New York City, local and visiting singing societies and light opera companies. Contains a partial program from a performance by Anna Pavlova in Buffalo Nov, 26, 1921, a libretto from the operatic burlesque "Orpheus and Eurydice" performed at the Star Theater May 1897, and a concert book for "Concert des Wiener Akademischen Gesangsverein" under the auspices of the Buffalo Orpheus on August 26, 1910. Supplement is staffed created index.	

Scrapbooks	Notes
RBR WNYO 1890.M8 [Musical performance advertisements, Buffalo and New York, N.Y.] [Buffalo, N.Y. : s.n., 1890-1909] Published advertisements and programs for live musical performances, 1890-1909, mainly in Buffalo and New York City. Includes opera, musicals, plays, orchestra concerts, and vocal and instrumental music recitals by Paderewski, Adelina Patti, Sarah Bernhardt, Camille Saint-Saëns, Lillian Nordica, Nellie Melba, Pablo Casals, and Walter Damrosch.	
RBR WNYO 1920.L68 Rare Book Room appointment needed [Louise Michael scrapbook]. Louise Michael, along with partner Genevieve Kraft, conducted advertising services for women's shops and managed a concert business. This scrapbook contains autographs, photographs, and letters from celebrities of the 1920s through 1940s, including Geraldine Farrar, Serge Rachmaninoff, Katherine Cornell, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Jack Dempsey, Fritz Kreisler. Also includes theater programs, mementos, and menus.	

Selected Websites	Notes
http://www.buffalomusic.org/ Buffalo Music Hall of Fame	Includes biographies on inductees from 1983-present.
http://archives.bpo.org/ Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: Performing Archive 1935-2016	
http://library.buffalo.edu/pan-am/exposition/music/ Music and Musicians at the Pan-American Exposition of 1901	Includes sheet music and history of bands, bandstands, ethnic music, personal accounts, and images.

Further Resources at BECPL
<p>Search the online catalog for books, magazines, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Grosvenor Room, the Rare Book Room, Central Library, and every BECPL branch.</p> <p>www.buffalolib.org → Catalog</p> <p>To find Buffalo music history sources beyond what is listed in this guide, use the keywords: <u>Buffalo</u> AND the following <i>subject terms</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerts • conductors • instrument • music • music-halls • musicians • opera • orchestra • songs <p>Also search www.worldcat.org and https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/ to find further materials on Buffalo music history.</p>