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Abstract: Established in 1908, the Southern California Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is a local chapter of the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. This collection contains the records of the Los Angeles and Pasadena chapters of the American Guild of Organists, including administrative files, publications, and annual scrapbooks.

Historical Note
The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. The Guild serves approximately 20,000 members throughout the United States, Asia, Australia, and Europe. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, the Guild, headquartered in New York City, seeks to set and maintain high musical standards and to promote the understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. Each AGO year runs from October 1 to September 30. In any given year, a chapter may host concerts, educational events and social gatherings, have regular monthly meetings, and participate in either a regional or a national convention.

The Association of Organists of Southern California was established in 1908 and in 1910, it became the Southern California Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. As other chapters were founded around California, the chapter changed its name to the Los Angeles Chapter. In 1936, the Pasadena Chapter split off from the Los Angeles one; in 1999, they recombined.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of the records of the Los Angeles and Pasadena chapters of the American Guild of Organists, including the chapters' administrative files, publications, scrapbooks and a few audio and visual recordings. Most of the material present is from the Los Angeles Chapter. Please see the Scope and Content notes of individual series for more information.

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Administrative Files 38398

Scope and Content
This series consists of the administrative files of the Southern California, Los Angeles, and Pasadena Chapters of the American Guild of Organists. These records include membership registers, minutes, general correspondence, financial records, correspondence and contracts pertaining to concerts given by the Guild, submissions to competitions run by the Guild, programs for concerts, and newsletters.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically, with the exception of minutes and financial records from the Los Angeles Chapter. These are arranged separately in chronological order at the end of the Los Angeles Chapter sub-series.

Box 1, Box 25, Box 27, Box 28, Box 29, Box 30, Box 36

Southern California Chapter 38399

Box 36, Folder 1
Meeting minutes 1912-1922

Box 36, Folder 2
List of members, addresses, etc. 1909-1914

Los Angeles Chapter 38400

Box 36, Folder 3
Meeting minutes 1908-1915

Box 36, Folder 4
Activities 1928-1961

Centennial Celebration Concert program 2010

Centennial Anniversary [congratulatory certificate] 2009-06-25

Pasadena Chapter 38401

Box 18-19, Box 26

Other Chapters/National Organization 512574 1970s-2004

Scope and Content
This series consists of annual convention programs and related materials.
Publications 38402

Scope and Content
This series contains issues of the American Organist, the national magazine of the American Guild of Organists, the California Organist, published by the Los Angeles Chapter, and yearbooks published by the Los Angeles and Pasadena Chapters.

Box 20, Box 6  The American Organist 38403 1987, 1997, 2004
Scope and Content
Selected issues.

Box 6  The California Organist 38404

Box 6  Los Angeles Chapter Yearbooks 38405

Box 6  Pasadena Chapter Yearbooks 38406

Box 6  Choral Conductors Guild Yearbooks 38407

Scrapbooks 38408
Scope and Content
This series contains scrapbooks from the Los Angeles and Pasadena Chapters. Scrapbooks contain programs, calendars, photographs, and correspondence pertaining to Guild activities.

Box 7, Box 8, Box 31-33, Box 35  Los Angeles Chapter 38409 1930-1993

Box 9-12  Pasadena Chapter 38410 1962-1991

Box 16, Box 15, Box 14, Box 17, Box 13  Sound and Video Recordings 38411
Scope and Content
Series contains recordings of performances on Ampex Magnetic reels, audiocassette tapes, video (VHS) tapes, and DAT tapes (boxes 13, 15); David Fay's recordings of concerts, primarily on 10" reel to reel tapes (boxes 16, 17); AGO instructional cassettes (box 14).

Box 34  [Posters] 2004