

## **Don McGill Collection**

### **Inventory**

12 boxes, 1003 items, 47 copies of *Opera News*, 119 photocopies, 13 concert programs, 1 libretto, 5 photos.

This collection of scripts and related materials for Don McGill's radio programs, came to the Music Department of the Metropolitan Toronto Library in 1979. McGill, a well-known Toronto broadcaster at the CBC in music and the arts, had for many years been the host to such series as *Opera Theatre* and *Symphony Hall*, and had developed programs devoted to the music of particular composers. To a lesser extent there is evidence of an interest in Canadian poetry and drama.

The materials in the collection include his actual scripts, program schedules, operatic plot outlines, newspaper and magazine reviews, glossy photos of opera singers, miscellaneous photocopies from records jackets, issues of *Opera News*, poetry, copies of contracts with the BC, and one or two related but more personal letters.

1. *Symphony Hall* – 12 folders, 269 items, 3 concert programs, 5 photos

Musical programs from 1966 to 1976, featuring the Montreal Symphony at the Salle Wilfred Pelletier in the Place des Arts in Montreal and the Toronto Symphony in Massey Hall in Toronto. The scripts are in order by date.

2. *Opera Theatre* – 96 folders, 500 items, 40 *Opera News*, 119 photocopies, 7 articles, 10 concert programs, 1 libretto

The radio scripts of *Opera Theatre* date from 1966 to 1976. The scripts are arranged by composer, where possible, and include all materials used for background information.

3. *Music of Stravinsky* – 2 folders, 28 items

The scripts are arranged by performance date and include a complete list of music performed.

4. *Music of Liszt* – 1 folder, 11 items

The scripts are arranged by performance date and include a complete list of music performed.

5. *Music of Tschaikowsky* – 1 folder, 14 items

The scripts are arranged by performance date and include a complete list of music performed.

6. *Music I Like* – 1 folder, 2 items

Personal favourites of Don McGill.

7. *CBC Festival Winnipeg* – 1 folder, 4 items

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Musical programs from Winnipeg. The scripts are arranged by date and include a complete list of music performed.

8. *New Records* – 1 folder, 9 items

Reviews of new records by Don McGill. The scripts are arranged by date and include a complete list of music performed.

9. *Records in Review* – 1 folder, 3 items

Reviews by Don McGill of older releases. The scripts are arranged by date and includes a complete list of music performed.

10. *Voices – Theme and Variations* – 1 folder, 10 items

A series that discusses various aspects of the creative arts. The scripts are arranged by date and list the music played.

11. *Personally Speaking* – 1 folder, 3 items

Personal anecdotes from the life of Don McGill.

12. *CBC Tuesday Night* and *Introduction to Tuesday Night* – 1 folder, 12 items

The scripts are arranged by date where possible and include a complete list of Music performed.

13. *Metro At Midday* – 1 folder, 24 items

A personal look at Metro Toronto by Don McGill. The scripts are arranged by date with a list of music performed.

14. *Voices* – 1 folder, 6 items

A look at the correspondence of some composers. The scripts are arranged by date with a list of music performed.

15. *Who's The Composer?* – 1 folder, 5 items

A musical quiz to identify a mystery composer. Music is listed for two of the four programs.

16. *The Place And the Music* – 1 folder, 4 items.

Vienna in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Music performed is listed when indicated.

17. Various Radio Scripts – 1 folder, 17 items

A miscellany of radio scripts. Music performed is listed when indicated.

18. Monthly Program Schedules – 1 folder, 8 items

Complete schedules for Opera Theatre from January 1969 to February 1976, with two exceptions: March 1969 and May 1971.

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19. *The Peace Flow* – 1 folder, 3 items

The script and music for the play *The Peace Flow* by Bob Terry.

20. Poetry and Correspondence – 1 folder, 25 items

Poetry of Miriam Waddington, Peter Stevens, Douglas Barbour and David Helwig and a biographical sketch of Kazuaki Tanahashi, a Japanese artist.

21. Contracts and Correspondence – 1 folder, 49 items

Contracts and correspondence of Don McGill from the CBC.