

MS-43, Miami Valley Arts Council Records

Collection Number: MS-43

Title: Miami Valley Arts Council Records

Dates: 1960-1970

Creator: Miami Valley Arts Council

Summary/Abstract: Founded in 1960, the purpose of the Miami Valley Arts Council was to facilitate communication between local arts organizations and to promote community support for cultural activities. The bulk of records in this collection fall in the late 1960s and include minutes of the board meetings, correspondence, clippings and news releases, membership lists, calendars of events, and information on the various groups associated with the Council.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged broadly by record type and chronologically thereunder.

Historical Note:

Organized in 1960 and incorporated in 1961 as a non-profit organization, the Miami Valley Arts Council had at its height over forty-five member groups and a total membership of over several hundred people. A charter member of the sixty-two member Community Arts council, Incorporated of America, affiliated with the American Symphony Orchestra League, the Miami Valley Arts Council was also a member of the City Beautiful Commission of Dayton.

The central office for secretarial work, mailing, and telephone services was the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the Council was “to establish better communications among existing cultural organizations, encourage support of the community for educational and cultural activities and groups, and to promote broader participation in the cultural life of the community.”

In 1993, the Miami Valley Arts Council, along with another arts organization named ArtsDayton (formerly the Dayton Performing Arts Fund founded in 1974), merged to become Culture Works.

Scope and Content

The papers of the Miami Valley Arts Council start with the date of its beginning and fade away in 1970. The majority of the papers fall into the late sixties. The material is in the form of business correspondence, minutes of meetings, (primarily board meetings, various committee meeting minutes are not available, and some of the board meeting minutes are also missing) information on the history of the Council – why it was formed – members of the various boards beginning with the first temporary board, organizational structure, projects, (these are few and very sketchy) copies of calendars of events, publicity – clippings and write-ups from newspapers, membership and mailing lists, and various councils associated with the Miami Valley Arts Council.

The information on the history and the organization of the Council is very extensive and helpful. The collection is weak on the material that relates to various committees and their functions and the relationship between the various member groups.

Subject Terms:

Subjects (General)

Arts – Ohio – Miami River Valley
Performing arts – Ohio -- Dayton

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Organization Structure – Bylaws, proposed program, Charter and Bylaws of MVAC	Undated
	2	History	Undated
	3	Minutes and Agendas	Undated, 1962-1970
	4	List of Officers, Presidents of Member Groups	Undated
	5	Budget	1964, 1968, 1969
	6	Finances – Bank statements	Undated
	7	Funding – Grant Applications, Contributions	Undated
	8	MVAC – Projects	Undated
	9	Correspondence	1960-1970
	10	Education Committee	Undated
	11	Young Audiences	Undated
2	1	Young Audiences – Paid Bills	Undated
	2	Area Educators Conference	Undated
	3	Calendar of Events – Bills for Calendars, Examples of old calendars	Undated
	4	Calendar Information – Correspondence	Undated
	5	P.R. – MVAC – Newspapers and Radio	Undated
	6	Publicity – Newspaper Clippings	Undated
	7	CULTUR-LINE – Information sent to CULTUR-LINE	Undated
	8	Memberships – Individuals and Groups	Undated
	9	Mailing Lists – Memberships	Undated
	10	Member Meetings	1968-1969
	11	Membership Drives	1969-1970
3	1	Questionnaire – MVAC	1970
	2	Area Response Council – Dayton Public Schools Decision	Undated
	3	Associated Council of the Arts	Undated
	4	Living Arts Center Program News Releases, Application for Grant	Undated
	5	Ohio Arts Council – Newsletters, News Releases, Directory of State Art Council	Undated
	6	President’s Council of Youth Opportunity Big Sister Program	Undated
	7	Opera Material	Undated
	8	Miscellaneous	Undated