

**MS-531: Dayton Chamber Music Society Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-531

**Title:** Dayton Chamber Music Society Records

**Dates:** 1953-2016

**Creator:** Dayton Chamber Music Society

**Summary/Abstract:** The Dayton Chamber Music Society was a private foundation based out of Dayton, Ohio. The society performed classical music in the city of Dayton through a series of concerts put on annually. The Dayton Chamber Music Society also rewarded various academic scholarships to musical students of their choice each year. This collection includes administrative papers such as member lists, meeting minutes and agendas, financial records, member correspondence, and general correspondence on group happenings. This collection also includes performance photos, performance information, newspaper media, pamphlets, and sheet music used by the organization.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 2.76 linear feet and 13.8 MB

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Separated Material:** Electronic media has been separated to the E-Archive.

**Other Finding Aid:**

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**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** A computer capable of reading JPEG files will be necessary to access the electronic files.

**Related Material:**

MS-425 Chamber Music Yellow Springs Collection  
MS-287 Dayton Civic Music Association Collection Record

**Processed by:** Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Andrea Miller, April 2019.

**Arrangement:**

The arrangement is separated into three series:

- Series I: Membership, 1954-2015
- Series II: Administrative, 1953-2016
- Series III: Performances, 1980-2015

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The Dayton Chamber Music Society was a private foundation based out of Dayton, Ohio. The society, which operated from 1954-2015, performed classical music in the city of Dayton through a series of concerts put on annually. The society included members from all walks of life, from members belonging to the Dayton Philharmonic to members who were teachers in the musical field. The Dayton Chamber Music Society shared their love and skill for classical music with the citizens of Dayton by participating in several artistic initiatives throughout the city, and also by providing scholarships for up and coming musical artists.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains the administrative and musical happenings of the Dayton Chamber Music Society over its 64-year history. The collection includes musical performance programs, performance pictures, newspaper announcements, and sheet music used by the society. It also includes their financial records, membership correspondence, and official decree. There are also records of the Society's scholarship programs, gift records and thank you cards given by recipients. Materials from this collection date from 1953 to 2016. Each series is arranged chronologically.

Series I, Membership, includes membership records, membership lists, membership books, membership obituaries, membership correspondence, membership applications and membership fee records. Materials in this series date from 1954-2015.

Series II, Administrative, includes meeting minutes, agendas, financial records, society correspondence, financial correspondence, informal correspondence, and media coverage. Materials from this series date from 1953-2016.

Series III, Performance, includes all performance programs, special performances, sheet music, and photographs. Materials from this series date from 1954-2015.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Persons/Families**

Kmetec, Emil

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Dayton Chamber Music Society

### **Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

### **Subjects (General)**

Chamber Music

### **Material Types**

Correspondence

Minutes

Programs

### **Occupations**

## Collection Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I: Membership</b>			<b>1954-2015</b>
1	1	Membership Lists	1954, 1980-2012, undated
1	2	Membership Booklets	1978-2005
1	3	Membership Applications	undated
1	4	Membership Fee Records	2010-2013
1	5	Membership Fee Records	2013-2015
1	6	Membership Correspondence	1962-1989
1	7	Membership Correspondence	1990-1999
1	8	Membership Correspondence	2000-2015, undated
1	9	Membership Picnic	1996 Sept 29
1	10	Membership Funeral Information	1988-2016
1	11	Membership Vote	1980
<b>Series II: Administrative</b>			<b>1953-2016</b>
2	1	Societal History (Origin Documents)	1954-1957, 1982-2010, undated
2	2	Meeting Agendas	1980-2015, undated
2	3	Meeting Minutes	1980-2014
2	4	Financial Statements	1982-2015, undated
2	5	Financial Records Related to Taxes	1998-2015, undated
2	6	Financial Records Notebook	2010-2015
2	7	Financial Correspondence	1988-2007
2	8	Financial Correspondence	2008-2011
2	9	Financial Correspondence	2012-2015, undated
3	1	Correspondence	1980-1999, undated
3	2	Correspondence	2000-2008
3	3	Correspondence	2009-2015, undated
3	4	Correspondence Greeting Cards	1983-2016, undated
3	5	Media- Newspaper Clippings	1953-1967, 1981-2016, undated
3	6	Media- Pamphlets (Outside Performances)	1982-2016, undated
3	7	Miami Valley Arts Council	1991-1992
3	8	Dayton Foundation	2003
3	9	Scholarship Recipients Bios	Undated
<b>Series III: Performances</b>			<b>1980-2015</b>
4	1	Performance Programs	1980-1989
4	2	Performance Programs	1990-1994
4	3	Performance Programs	1995-1999
4	4	Performance Programs	2000-2004

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
4	5	Performance Programs	2005-2009
4	6	Performance Programs	2010-2015
4	7	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Performance	2001-2003
4	8	Eleanor McCann Competition	2009
Ms531	e0001	Piano Competition Photographs	2009
4	9	Sheet Music and Program	1990 May 6
4	10	Performance Music (Lyric and Sheet)	2003, undated
5	1	Performance Photographs	1999-2015