

**Title:** Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-0771

**Inclusive Dates:** 1959 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 73.5 cu. ft. total

**Location:** WHN, Sh. G182-G198 (72 cu. ft.)  
BV, Sh. 158 (1.5 cu. ft.)

**Abstract:** In May 1959, the Board of the Milwaukee Pops Orchestra met and changed the name of the ensemble to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO). The group's first concert was held on October 29, 1959, under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. Since its inception, the MSO has emerged as one of the finest orchestras in the U.S., playing in venues around the world, and in 1999 it was the first major orchestra to play in Cuba in nearly 40 years. In 2017, the MSO purchased and renovated the former Warner/Grand Theater at 212 W. Wisconsin Avenue to serve as its new permanent home. The first concert took place there in 2021.

**Scope and Content:** The collection includes correspondence, minutes, budgets, contracts, programs, announcements, applications, auditions and miscellaneous documents.

**Access and Use:** Some items in the collection are restricted.

**Language:** English

**Notes:**

**Arrangement:**

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1979-1983, various (28 files)	57	
1979-1983, various (20 files)	58	
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