

Title: Milwaukee Musical Society Collection

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Abstract: In May 1850, four members – reflecting Milwaukee’s Germanic influence – organized the Milwaukee Musical Society. Within two years, membership had climbed above 200 members. This amateur group was initially directed by Austrian political refugee Hans Balatka until he left for Chicago in 1860. The group’s early years were marred by internal squabbles, financial problems and a fire that destroyed much of the club’s sheet music and instruments. But during the 1870s famed Milwaukee conductor Eugene Luening became director and presided over the club for 25 years. The group finally disbanded in 1940.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, programs, meeting minutes, reports, financial reports, newspaper clippings, and membership lists.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: German, English

Notes: The collection was processed by Nicholas Neylon, January 1992. Material was added by Steve Daily, Aug. 1998, and Steve Schaffer, Sept. 2016.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
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LEDGERS/MINUTE BOOKS	LOCATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minute book of Mannerchors des Milwaukee Musikvereins, 1907-24 - Minute book of Board of Trustees Milwaukee Musikverein, 1880-1889 - Membership ledger of Milwaukee Musical Society, 1890-1893 - Notebook of clippings, financial records, meeting minutes, 1914-1917 - Membership ledger of Damenchor, 1890s-1900s - Meeting minutes Milwaukee Musikverein, 1875-1880 - Meeting minutes Milwaukee Mannerchors, 1873-1880 - Record book of sheet music of Milwaukee Musikverein, 1906 - Scrapbook of music clippings, 1900s - Account ledger of Damenchor Milwaukee Musikverein, 1896-1908 - Financial ledger of Milwaukee Mannerchor, 1910-1924 - Minute book of Board of Trustees Milwaukee Musikverein, 1916-1925 - Ledger of meeting minutes, financial records and clippings of Milwaukee Musikverein, 1908-1914 - Cash book of Milwaukee Musical Society, 1910-1936 - Minute book of Milwaukee Musikverein, 1886-1893 - Scrapbook of music clippings, 1871-1874 - Minute book of Musikverein, 1895-1908 - Scrapbook of music clippings, 1902-1903 - Scrapbook of music clippings, 1903 - Scrapbook of Musikverein concert clippings, 1882-1886 - Meeting minutes of Board of Trustees, Musikverein, 1875-1890 - Account ledger Musikverein, 1882-1899 - Record book of sheet music and composers, n.d. - Musikverein concert programs, 1892-1898 (not inclusive) - Minute book of Damenchor der Gesangsection, 1912-1921 	LC, Sh. 002	