

Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection

Span Dates: 1951-1989

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1951-1975)

Call No.: ML31.D33

Creator: Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975

Extent: around 750 items ; 13 boxes ; 8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Luigi Dallapiccola was an Italian composer. The collection contains Dallapiccola's correspondence with Peggie Dwight, including over 300 letters (written mostly in French) and various postcards and telegrams. In addition, there are over 200 articles and programs relating to Dallapiccola's career, mostly collected during those years. The collection also includes a few of Dallapiccola's holograph music manuscripts, most notably his opera *Ulysses*, as well as short excerpts or sketches of his works. There are also printed editions of two full scores for *Requiescant* and *Sex Carmina Alcaei*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975--Autographs.

Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975--Correspondence.

Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975.

Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975.

Dallapiccola, Luigi, 1904-1975. *Ulisse*.

Dwight, Margaret--Correspondence.

Dwight, Margaret.

Dwight, Margaret. Dallapiccola / Dwight collection. 1951-1989.

Subjects

Composers--Italy--Correspondence.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift; Margaret Dwight; January 1990.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The Luigi Dallapiccola / Margaret (Peggie) Dwight Collection was processed in 1995 by the Library of Congress. This Finding Aid was prepared with Corel WordPerfect 8. In 2003, Michael A. Ferrando coded and edited the finding aid for EAD format.

Transfers

An audio tape was transferred to the Library of Congress Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division.

Copyright Status

The Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.) and other applicable international copyright laws.

Access and Restrictions

Commentary prepared by the donor and all correspondence are sealed until 2025 or until the death of Luigi Dallapiccola's daughter Annalibera. The rest of the Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Performing Arts Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Certain restrictions to use or copying of materials may apply.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [item, date, container number], Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection, Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Sketch

Luigi Dallapiccola was born in Italy on February 3, 1904. During his youth, Dallapiccola gained diplomas in both piano and composition from the Cherubini Conservatory in Florence. He began his career as a piano teacher at the Conservatory, where he remained until his retirement in 1967. He also taught music courses at several American colleges and summer music programs.

As a composer, Dallapiccola was greatly influenced by the music of the 2nd Viennese School, evident in his use of serial methods. His output encompassed dramatic works (operas and ballet) as well as choral, solo vocal and instrumental compositions. Several of his vocal works were considered to be "protest pieces," relating to his ever-present concern with the political situations of his time.

Margaret (Peggie) Dwight is an American artist currently living in Paris. She had a correspondence with Dallapiccola from the time she met him at Tanglewood in 1951 where she was a student, until his death in 1975.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of this collection represents Dallapiccola's correspondence with Margaret (Peggie) Dwight during the years of their association, from 1951 to 1975. This correspondence includes over 300 letters (written mostly in French), as well as various postcards and telegrams. In addition, there are over two hundred articles and programs relating to Dallapiccola's career, mostly collected during those years.

The collection also includes a few of Dallapiccola's holograph music manuscripts, most notably his opera Ulysses, as well as short excerpts or sketches of his works. Printed editions of two full scores are included, namely Requiescant and Sex Carmina Alcaei.

The writings in this collection consist mainly of 200 pages of "Recollections" written by Margaret (Peggie) Dwight which chronicles her 24-year friendship with Dallapiccola. It is divided into sections by year, and contains references to various letters and other materials in the collection. There are also several speeches and other miscellaneous notes written by Dallapiccola.

Organization of the Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection

The Dallapiccola / Dwight Collection is organized in seven series:

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Music, 1943-1970

Holographs of Dallapiccola music manuscripts, short excerpts or sketches, and printed editions.

Arranged by title.

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Programs & Clippings, 1951-1989

Programs and clippings of Dallapiccola.

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Arranged into two subseries by author and chronologically.

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Writings by Luigi Dallapiccola

Libretti and notes by Dallapiccola

Arranged by title

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BOX-FOLDER 4/4	Sex Carmina Alcaei, Milan, Zerboni, 1943 Printed full score, 32 p.
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BOX-FOLDER 4/14	[Sketches, 1968] Holograph ms. in pencil, [2 p.] Includes Ulysses and Michaelangelo the Younger
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Photographs

Photographic prints of Ulysses production dated 1968.
Arrangement is by subject.

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Ulysses. Photographs, Berlin production, 1968

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Concert in honor of Dallapiccola given by Maggio Musicale, Florence