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Society of Washington Artists records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Society of Washington Artists records
<b>Date:</b>	1897-1967
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.sociofwa
<b>Creator:</b>	Society of Washington Artists (Washington, D.C.) Artists Equity Association Washington Arts Club
<b>Extent:</b>	1.6 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

A small portion of the collection was donated by Joyce Field, the publicity director (1951-1954) and president (1954-1955) of the Society of Washington Artists. A majority of the collection was donated 2015 by the Corcoran Gallery of Art via David Julyan, representative for the trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Society of Washington Artists (established 1890) was organized in Washington, D.C. at a meeting of the Art Students League of Washington. The Society was officially established in order to promote the exhibition of its members' art work. By 1898 the Society had its own gallery space at 1020 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., but its annual exhibitions were primarily held in the Corcoran Gallery at 17th Street and New York Avenue, Washington, D.C.

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## Scope and Contents

Administrative files, correspondence, exhibition files, and financial records documenting the activities of the Society of Washington Artists. A small portion of the collection also contains files on the Washington Arts Club and printed material regarding the Artists Equity Association.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art, American -- Washington (D.C.)

Functions:

Arts organizations -- Washington (D.C.)