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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Cyrus Trobbe Music Collection
Date:	ca. 1900-1982.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0242
Creator:	Trobbe, Cyrus (musician) (Collector)
Extent:	300 Cubic feet (322 record boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Mrs. Cyrus Trobbe, September 30, 1986.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Trobbe was a musician and a leader of musical groups in the San Francisco Bay area for some sixty years. He was born in London and came to the U.S. shortly before 1920. Trobbe found regular work as a violinist and a group leader, assembling musical groups varying in size from small dance orchestras to large theater orchestras. He became a faculty member of what is now San Francisco State University soon after WW II.

Scope and Contents

Includes: published music scores (1920-1980) collected by Cy Trobbe, scrapbooks documenting his music career (1919-1980), programs from musical presentations in San Francisco (1913-1980), disc recordings of Trobbe's radio broadcasts on KFRC in 1938; and a card catalog assembled by Trobbe of his collection, arranged by type of music.

Arrangement

Divided into 5 series: (1) Collected music, (2) Scrapbooks, (3) Printed Programs, (4) Disc Recordings, (5) Card Catalog.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bands (Music) -- 20th century
- Musical performances
- Musicians -- 20th century
- Radio broadcasts
- Sound Recordings and Reproductions
- Theater

Types of Materials:

- Card catalog
- Disc recordings
- Programs
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century
- Sheet music

Names:

- Curran Theater
- Geary Theater
- KFRC (radio station)
- San Francisco Light Opera
- San Francisco Symphony Orchestra

Places:

- San Francisco (Calif.)