

MG 274 Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Association fonds

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of bylaws, minutes, and correspondence of the Board of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Association, records of the 1989-1990 Search Committee (for a conductor), annual reports, financial statements, and programs and publications.

Date of Records

1987-Present

Physical Description

0.327 cm of textual records

4 photographs

3 computer disks

1 object

Material Types (GMD)

Textual Records

Graphic Materials

Records in Electronic Form

Objects

Restrictions on Access

FOIP as noted on file list

Creator Information

Authority Name Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Association

Authority History In 1986, Howard Mar had a vision of a community symphonic orchestra in Red Deer. He enlisted financial support of \$165,000 from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #35, rallied his friends and fellow patrons of the arts, gathered a group of musicians both amateur and professional and created the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra. The first public performance of the orchestra was in April 1987.

The Red Deer Symphony Orchestra began as a community based semi-professional orchestra and evolved into a fully professional organization, employing union musicians. During its early years, the symphony presented a four-concert season with a budget of \$71,000 and an apprenticeship program. It grew to a six-concert season with a budget of over \$500,000.

The symphony is involved in a range of activities including children's music education programs, the Rehearsal program, the Choir Kids program, the Symphonic Show N' Tell program, and a Woodwind Quintet program.

Notes

Finding Aids

File list available.

Related Materials

MG 24 Red Deer Concert Society

Physical Condition

Records are in good physical condition.

Arrangement

Records were arranged into 7 series during initial processing in 2012: Bylaws, Minutes, Financial Statements, Contracts, President's Records, Correspondence, and Photographs. This order was maintained during subsequent processing in 2024.

Language of Material

English

Custodial History

Records were transferred to the Red Deer Archives in 3 accessions in 1988, 2002, and 2024.

Accruals

Further accruals are possible.

Accession Numbers

2002-095

2015-736

2024-071

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| 2002-095 | 1 | 1 | Bylaws | 1988-1995 | 0.1 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 2 | Certificate of Incorporation (copy) | 1987 | 0.1 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 3 | Board of Directors Organizational Description | [after 1987] | 0.2 | | Includes management divisions, responsibility of the board, duties of the board, officers, divisions, job description of board members. |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 4 | Financial Statements | 1987-1991 | 0.8 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 5 | Financial Statements | 1992-1996 | 0.5 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 6 | Financial Statements | 1997-1998 | 0.3 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 7 | Minutes | 1987 | 0.1 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 8 | Minutes | 1988 | 0.3 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 9 | Minutes | 1989 | 0.2 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 10 | Minutes | 1990 | 0.6 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 11 | Minutes | 1991 | 0.3 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 12 | Minutes | 1992 | 0.4 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 13 | Minutes | 1993 | 0.3 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 14 | Minutes | 1994 | 0.5 | | |
| 2002-095 | 1 | 15 | Minutes | 1995 | 0.7 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 16 | Minutes | 1996 | 0.7 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 17 | Minutes | 1997 | 0.3 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 18 | Minutes | 1998 | 0.9 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 19 | Minutes | 1999 | 0.1 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 20 | Correspondence | 1987-1991 | 0.4 | | Includes information on grants and donations. |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 21 | Correspondence | 1992-1996 | 0.6 | | Includes information on grants and donations. |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 22 | Correspondence | 1999 | 0.1 | | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 23 | Grant Applications | 1987-1990 | 0.5 | FOIP | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 24 | Grant Applications | 1992-1993 | 0.3 | FOIP | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 25 | Grant Applications | 1995 | 0.5 | FOIP | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 26 | Grant Applications | 1996, 1998 | 0.6 | FOIP | |
| 2002-095 | 2 | 27 | Annual Returns | 1989-1996 | 1.3 | | |

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| 2002-095 | 3 | 28 | Musician Contracts | 1988-1996 | 0.7 | FOIP | Includes contracts with the Calgary Musicians Association. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 29 | Unknown floppy disc files | [1987-1998] | 3 discs : 3 1/2-inch floppy | | Includes print screen list from 2012. Discs and files currently unreadable. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 30 | Final Production Reports | 1988-1989, 1993 | 0.3 | | Includes reports for Music of the Americas, Music of the Slavic Tradition, Music of the British Isles, Music of the European Tradition, and Operating Grant update report. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 31 | Contracts | 1987-1996 | 0.5 | FOIP | Includes contract between RDSO and Howard Mar, soloist contracts, facility contract with Red Deer College, RDSO and Claude Lapalme. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 32 | Agreements | 1998-2000 | 0.1 | | Includes unsigned agreement between the RDSO and the Calgary Musicians Association. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 33 | Publications | 1989-1996 | 0.8 | | Includes playbills for performances including Music of the European Tradition (1989), Messiah (1994), RDSO (1993), Mother's Day Brunch (1997); Seasons programs for 1993-1994, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999; and Annual Report for 1994/1995. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 34 | Claude Lapalme: correspondence | [199-?] | 0.1 | | Includes correspondence to Alison Chafekar, Judy Connors, and general correspondence. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 35 | Claude Lapalme: music sheets | [199-?] | 1.1 | | Includes suggestions for RDSO program and accompanying music sheets. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 36 | Claude Lapalme: music sheets | [199-?] | 1.0 | | |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 37 (1 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.2 | FOIP | Includes correspondence and lists of contacts. |

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| 2002-095 | 3 | 37 (2 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.3 | | Includes meeting minutes, financial reports, notice of motion to amend by-laws, reports, and lists of correspondence. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 37 (3 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.3 | | Includes meeting minutes. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 37 (4 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.6 | | Includes financial reports, meeting minutes, job descriptions, RDSO fact sheet, draft contracts, musicians schedule, and Board of Directors Organizational Description. |
| 2002-095 | 3 | 37 (5 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.7 | | Includes correspondence, notice of motion to amend by-laws, and reports. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 37 (6 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.9 | | Includes program, invitation, and tickets for the Alberta Baroque Ensemble's "J.S. Bach" performance, correspondence, financial reports, RDSO programs for "Tribute to the Boston Pops" and "World of the Stage." |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 37 (7 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.6 | | Includes financial reports, contracts, meeting minutes, notes, RDSO programs for "The World of the Concert Band," "World of ABCs," "World of the Screen," "World of the Stage," "Tribute to the Boston Pops," and photocopies of articles. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 37 (8 of 8) | President's Records | 1987-1988 | 0.2 | | Includes photocopies of articles, photographs of the RDSO first Board of Directors, plaques, tickets, and programs. |

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| 2002-095 | 4 | 38 (1 of 5) | President's Records | 1988 | 0.8 | FOIP | Includes list of Board of Directors, blank contracts, meeting minutes, financial reports, final production reports, correspondence, grant applications, and copies of newspaper articles. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 38 (2 of 5) | President's Records | 1988 | 0.5 | | Includes meeting minutes, notice of motion to amend by-laws, reports, Board of Directors Organizational Description, grant information, correspondence, donor list, and 1988 Corporate Funding Campaign information. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 38 (3 of 5) | President's Records | 1988 | 0.5 | | Includes photocopies of articles, correspondence, brochures, notes, application for Incorporation, and by-laws. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 38 (4 of 5) | President's Records | 1988 | 0.4 | | Includes brochures, correspondence, grant information, application for incorporation, by-laws, and financial reports. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 38 (5 of 5) | President's Records | 1988 | 1.2 | | Includes financial statements, notes, lease agreement with the Red Deer College Arts Centre, correspondence, booking request forms, Red Deer College Arts Centre Usage Policy, copy of certificate of incorporation, calendar of events for 1988-1989 season, notes, and brochures. |
| 2002-095 | 4 | 39 (1 of 4) | President's Records | 1989 | 0.3 | FOIP | Includes performer information forms, list of Board of Directors, meeting minutes, financial reports, |

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| 2002-095 | 4 | 39 (2 of 4) | President's Records | 1989 | 0.6 | | Includes correspondence, advertisement for auditions and workshop, and brochures. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 39 (3 of 4) | President's Records | 1989 | 0.6 | | Includes meeting minutes, correspondence, presentation speech, notes, photocopies of articles, copy of certificate of incorporation, application for incorporation, and Board of Directors Organization Description. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 39 (4 of 4) | President's Records | 1989 | 1.1 | | Includes financial reports, lease agreement with Red Deer College Arts Centre, notes, brochures, correspondence, grant information, and newspaper clippings. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 40 (1 of 5) | RDSO June 89 - June 90 | 1989-1990 | 0.6 | FOIP | Includes correspondence, resumes, Board of Directors contact list, photocopies of articles, notes, meeting minutes, proposed 1990-1991 concert season, contract with Claude Lapalme, proposed budget for 1990-1991 season, and financial reports. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 40 (2 of 5) | RDSO June 89 - June 90 | 1989-1990 | 0.5 | FOIP | Includes brochures and correspondence. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 40 (3 of 5) | RDSO June 89 - June 90 | 1989-1990 | 0.5 | | Includes brochures and correspondence. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 40 (4 of 5) | RDSO June 89 - June 90 | 1989-1990 | 0.4 | | Includes brochures, correspondence, and newsletters. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 40 (5 of 5) | RDSO June 89 - June 90 | 1989-1990 | 0.3 | | Includes planning documents, speech, brochures, financial reports, and newspaper clippings. |

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| 2002-095 | 5 | 41 (1 of 3) | RDSO Search Committee 89-90 | 1989-1990 | 0.7 | FOIP | Includes meeting minutes, conductor evaluation forms (blank), job description, resumes and application information, correspondence, interview package, and copies of articles. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 41 (2 of 3) | RDSO Search Committee 89-90 | 1989-1990 | 0.3 | FOIP | Includes brochures, resumes and application information, interview matrix, and photocopies of articles. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 41 (3 of 3) | RDSO Search Committee 89-90 | 1989-1990 | 0.8 1 photograph : b&w | FOIP | Includes resumes and application information, brochures, newspaper clippings, and a photograph of Tyrone Paterson. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 42 | Photographs | [1987-1998] | 3 photographs : b&w | | Yuri Meyrowitz, Clyde Mitchell, and an unknown man. |
| 2002-095 | 5 | 43 | Misc. | 1994-1999 | 2.0 | | Brochures and publications from RDSO performances: 1995/1996 season, 10th season celebration, Let the Music Play (1999), World of the Screen (1987), 1996/1997 season, Annual report 1994/1995, 1997/1998 season, Annual General Report 1997-1998, Financial Statements 1998, Annual Report 1995/1996, Financial Statements 1995, minutes for 1995 Annual General Meeting, Financial Statements 1997. |

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| 2015-736 | 1 | 1 | Red Deer Symphony Orchestra passport | 1988-1989 | 0.1 | | Includes letter to supporters. K21205. |

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| 2024-071 | 1 | 1 | 2024-2025 Season Promotional Material | 2024-2025 | 0.4 1 object | | Includes a magnet, coaster, sticker, brochure booklet, season program, and business card for the Executive Director of the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra. |