



Western Kentucky University
UA68 Potter College of Arts & Letters
Series 9 Music
Subseries 2 Bands, Ensembles & Orchestras

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Administrative History: "The first band at the WKTC was formed in 1925 as a student organization and was led by student director Joyce Felts. There were 20 members. By the next year, a faculty director, Franz J. Strahm, was employed, and the band had grown to 30 members. That same year the college spent \$2,000 on band instruments. The band continued a steady growth over the next ten or so years, gradually expanding the number of services provided by the university. By 1939, the band had grown to 110 members and was a regular feature at WKTC football games. The most advanced concert-performing group through this period of the band's history was called the Concert Band. Several different conductors served as the band's director, including: John Vincent in 1939-1940 and 1943-1945; and Hugh Gunderson 1940-1943, 1946-1949, and 1952-1956. In 1956, Ed Knob assumed the position of director of bands which he held for nine years. Under his leadership the marching band had up to 100 members and a wind ensemble was formed. Dr. David Livingston assumed the directorship of the WKU bands in 1965, and served in that capacity until 1969. Dr. Livingston's tenure included the largest marching bands to that time (up to 116 members), large concert bands, and an all-female jazz band called Gemini 15. Roger McConnell became band director in 1969, a position in which he served for two years. Under the leadership of Kent Campbell, who held the directorship from 1972 to 1993, the longest tenure on record, the WKU band program enjoyed the largest participation in its history. His marching bands contained up to 170 members and the Concert Band, later called the Chamber Band, had a membership of up to 80 members." Source: various programs including the Program for the Kentucky Music Educators Association In-Service/Professional Development Conference, 02/09/2007, UA68/9/1, B6F18

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, the honorary professional music fraternity, was formed in 1960 and Delta Omicron, the honorary professional music fraternity for women, was formed in 1961.

Description: Records created by individual bands and ensembles.

Dates: 1972-present

Extent: 1.6 cu. ft., DVDs, audiotapes, oversize

Subject Analytics:

Audio recording

Bands

Choirs (Music)

Music

Music (WKU)

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Digital Commons:

Music

Music Performance

Accession Information: These records transferred to the WKU Archives from WKU Music in accordance with the records retention schedule.

Access Restrictions: Beta, BetaSP and audioreels have to be converted to a usable medium before they can be accessed by the public.

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Processing Information: Records processed and collection inventory created 2011, revised 2019.

Finding Aid Report

11/07/2019

UA68.9.2 **Records** **Date**
Level **Series** **Linked toUA68.9**

Title **UA68 Potter College of Arts & Letters**
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Scope & Content **Subseries 2 Bands, Ensembles & Orchestras**

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Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title	
Box 27		WKU Choir		Film/Video/Audio File	
Description	Audioreel - 1			Subjects	Audio recording
	WKU Choir, "College Heights We Hail Thee"				
	School song				
Box 3		WKU Early Music Ensemble	1981	Film/Video/Audio File	
Description	3/4 inch tapes - 1			Subjects	Video recording
	An Evening of Early Music, 1981 digitized				Concerts
	Carmichael, Christopher				Music
	Kelsey, David				Harpsichords
	Long, Sharon				Costumes
	Powell, Jill				Lutes
	Veenker, John				Recorders
	Veenker, Ron				Violins
	Viols				
Box 32		Music (WKU)		Film/Video/Audio File	
Description	Audioreel - 1			Subjects	Audio recording
	Christmas Music & Cheer Song, nd				Music
					Cheering
					Christmas
CD Box 3	CD1004-CD1006	WKU Early Music Ensemble	1981	Film/Video/Audio File	
Description	DVD - 3			Subjects	Video recording
	An Evening of Early Music, 1981 - https://youtu.be/ELZDmePJbhE				Music
	Carmichael, Christopher				Concerts
	Kelsey, David				Costumes
	Long, Sharon				Lutes
					Recorders
					Violins

Powell, Jill
Veenker, John
Veenker, Ron
Viols

Harpsichords

MC6

Drawer 2

WKU Jazz Band

Band Logo

Description

White panel with red horn W inset for jazz band stand front.

Subjects

Logos

Tape Box 2

Drawer 2

WKU Choir

1998

Film/Video/Audio File

Description

Audiotape - 1 - digitized

Subjects

Songs

Audio recording

Music

College Heights - m844.wav - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/288

My Old Kentucky Home - m845.wav - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_org/287