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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	Willimantic Orchestra, 1976-present.
Extent	2 linear feet. 4 boxes.
Arrangement	The material in this collection was divided into five series. Within each series, the contents are arranged chronologically.
Provenance	The main body of material in this collection was donated to the archives by orchestra members Sandra Smith Rosado and David Yutzey. It was processed as received.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/
Preferred Citation	[Series, Date, Folder description], Willimantic Orchestra, 1976-present. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226.
Access points	Willimantic (Conn.) Eastern Connecticut State College Eastern Connecticut State University.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Publications. Photographs. Administrative Records. Press releases. Fliers. [printed matter]

HISTORY:

The present Willimantic Orchestra had its beginnings in the Eastern Connecticut State College Chamber Music Society which was established by music professor Desmond Ward Fiondella in 1977. ¹ The Chamber Music Society later became the Willimantic Community Orchestra with a “Premiere Concert” performed on November 14, 1980. “In 1987 the Willimantic Orchestra was incorporated with Scott Lehmann, Gus Mazzocca and [David Yutzey] as the incorporators.” ² Members of the orchestra include students and staff from Eastern as well as musicians from the surrounding community. The orchestra continues to hold rehearsals and public performances on the Eastern campus in Shafer Auditorium and its performances are listed in the Performing Arts Department Calendar each semester.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection offers information on the early development of the orchestra from a college based musical group to the broader college and community orchestra it is today. Programs of early performances show the growth and development of the group as evidenced by early name changes. In the late 1970s, for example, programs are variously titled Chamber Concert, Chamber Music Society and Chamber Music Orchestra. By the early 1980s the name Willimantic Community Orchestra appears and by 1989 the group is described exclusively as the Willimantic Orchestra. This collection also offers organizational information including the minutes of annual meetings, by-laws and procedural information plus programs with the details of each performance.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I – Correspondences

This series contains a small collection of correspondence related to the Willimantic Orchestra and its programs.

Series II – Minutes

This series contains copies of the organization’s annual reports from 1978-1979 & 1997-present.

Series III – News clippings

This series offers a selection of local news clippings announcing or highlighting performances and special events.

Series IV – Performances

This series contains a collection of programs distributed at public performances. They begin with the first Chamber Concert in 1976 and end with the current season. Not all performances are represented.

Series V - Publications

This series offers a collection of flyers and brochures created to advertise concerts and coming events. It also includes information published on their website: By-Laws, Musician’s Handbook and “A Not-so-Brief History” by David Yutzey. In addition this series includes a copy of *A History of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony* written by Helen Coleman published in 1980.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

¹ *Willimantic Orchestra* program, April 30, 1989. (inside cover)

² Yutzey, David (2002) "Willimantic Orchestras Old and New: A Not-So-Brief History".
Retrieved 10-10-2008 at <http://www.willimanticorchestra.org/about.htm>

[A copy of this document may be found in this collection: Willimantic Orchestra/Series IV – Publications/ Willimantic Orchestra – “A Not-So-Brief History” (Yutzey), August 2002]

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Related information may be found in the following collections: School of Arts & Sciences/Departments/Fine Arts and Performing Arts, and Annual Reports/Fine Arts and Performing Arts.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecs.uconn.edu/archives/s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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	Advertiser’s Receipt	1986-1987
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	Meeting Announcement	7 May [1986]
	Program Advertising	Summer 1987
	Willimantic Orchestra – Free Concert	15 Nov. 1987
	Willimantic Orchestra - Member List	1989-1990
	Bass Ensemble Road Map	12 Dec. 1991
	The Willimantic Orchestra – David Vaughan	16 Feb. 1993
	Memo - Willimantic Orchestra Archive	24 [June] 1994
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	First Concert 2009-10 Season	4 Nov. 2009
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	Annual Meeting of Members	4 May 2000
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	Annual Meeting of Members	6 May 2005
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	First Concert of Chamber Music Society	3 May 1979
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	“Rehearsal for Upcoming Concert”	March 1986
	“Sounds of Music from the Willimantic Orchestra”	10 Feb. 1989
	“Company of Cellists”	9 Feb. 1990
	Willimantic Orchestra – free concert	8 Nov. 1998
	Willimantic Orchestra – free concert	16 Feb. 2002
	Romantic Willimantic	11 Feb. 2007
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	Chamber Music Society -“A Preview”	3 May 1979
	Chamber Music Society in Concert	14 Dec. 1979
	Chamber Music Orchestra in Concert	10 April 1980
	Chamber Music Concert – Warren Lash & Carole Lee	24 April 1980
	ECSC Chamber Music Orchestra in Concert (2)	15 May 1980
	Willimantic Community Orchestra	
	ECSC Willimantic Community Orchestra - Premiere Concert	14 Nov. 1980
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Nancy Crane	6 Mar. 1981
	Willimantic Community Orchestra J. Calberg & A. Tolokan	10 May 1981
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Bruce Bellingham	20 Nov. 1981
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Anthony Tolokan	2 Apr 1982
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Desmonde Ward Fiondella Memorial Concert	12 Nov. 1982
	Willimantic Community Orchestra “A Musical Valentine”	13 Feb. 1983
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Anthony Tolokan	29 April 1983
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Anthony Tolokan	6 Nov. 1983
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- A Musical Valentine	12 Feb. 1984
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Bruce Bellingham	4 May 1984
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Anthony Tolokan	11 Nov. 1984
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	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Romantic Willimantic (2)	16 Feb. 1986
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Marshall Brown	2 Mar. 1986
	Willimantic Community Orchestra- Anthony Tobias Tolokan	27 April 1986
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	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan (2 w/covers)	18 Nov. 1990
	Romantic Willimantic- Jerome Laszloffy	17 Feb. 1991
	Spring Concert – Jane Carlberg	28 April 1991
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	Spring Concert – David H. Vaughan	30 April 1992
	Windham Tri-centennial – David H. Vaughan	25 Oct. 1992
	Holiday Concert – David H. Vaughan (2 w/covers)	10 Dec. 1992
	Romantic Willimantic – David H. Vaughan (2, 1 w/cover)	14 Feb. 1993
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	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	14 Nov. 1993
	Romantic Willimantic – David H. Vaughan	13 Feb. 1994
	Spring Choral Concert – David H. Vaughan	1 May 1994
	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	13 Nov. 1994
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	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan (new cover design)	12 Nov. 1995
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	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	27 Oct 1996
	Holiday Concert – David H. Vaughan	7 Dec. 1996
	Winter Concert – David H. Vaughan	2 Mar. 1997
	Spring Concert – David H. Vaughan	27 April 1997
	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	9 Nov. 1997
	Romantic Willimantic – David H. Vaughan	15 Feb. 1998
	Spring Concert – David H. Vaughan	26 April 1998
	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	8 Nov. 1998
	Romantic Willimantic – David H. Vaughan	14 Feb. 1999
	Spring Concert – David H. Vaughan	25 April 1999
	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	7 Nov. 1999
	Romantic Willimantic – David H. Vaughan	12 Feb. 2000

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	Millennium Festival Concert - David H. Vaughan (2)	Apr-May 2001
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	Romantic Willimantic – Kevin A Tracy	17 Feb. 2002
	Spring Concert – Bruce Bellingham	5 May 2002
	Fall Concert – David H. Vaughan	10 Nov. 2002
	Winter Concert – Wedding Theme – David H. Vaughan	2 Mar. 2003
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	Coleman - A History of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony	
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	pages 96-139 (4 of 4)	1980
	Spring Concert, sm. posters (3)	27 April 1985
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	Romantic Willimantic, sm. posters (3)	16 Feb. 1986
	Fall Concert, sm. posters, flyer, handbills (3)	2 Nov. 1986
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	Fall Concert, sm. Poster (2)	27 Oct. 1991
	Willimantic Orchestra – David H. Vaughan, flyer (2)	16 Feb. 1992
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	Willimantic Orchestra- 1992-1993 Season, sm. poster	27 Oct. 1992
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	Spring Concert, sm. poster	25 April 1993
	Romantic Willimantic, flyer	12 Feb. 1995
	Spring Concert, poster	27 April 1997
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	Willimantic Orchestra By-laws (web pages)	May 2008
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	Administrative Info / Members/ By-Laws	March 2009
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	Spring Concert, flyers (2)	24 April 2010
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	Spring Concert, flyer (2)	17 April 2011
	Fall Concert, flyer	30 October 2011
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