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## ARCHIVES

Worcester County Music Association  
Collection

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### **Collection Information**

Abstract : Programs of Worcester County Music Association presentations from 1960s through

1980s, given by a long-time Director of the Association.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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Worcester County Music Association.

Concert programs – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Music festival programs – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Opera programs – Massachusetts – Worcester.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

The Worcester County Musical Association was organized in 1858 and incorporated in 1879, for the purpose of presenting classical music programs with full orchestration to large audiences. The Association presented one major program per year in its early years, and more recently several programs of classical music annually, including an annual performance of Handel's Messiah.

The International Artists Series, IAS, was formed in the 1970s for the purpose of presenting chamber music to smaller groups. In 1996 the two organizations merged, forming a new organization, Music Worcester, Inc., which continues to present varied types of classical music.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of programs of the Worcester County Music Association presentations at various sites in Worcester from 1960s to 1980s, and programs of related musical organizations of the same time period.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Programs, Worcester County Music Association. (9 folders, 19 items)

Series 2: Programs, Miscellaneous. (5 folders, 18 items)

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Series 1, Programs, WCMA

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2002.05.1.1	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1964.
1	2	2002.05.1.2-.3	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1965. (2 items)
1	3	2002.05.1.4	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1966.
1	4	2002.05.1.5-.6	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1967. (2 items)
1	5	2002.05.1.7	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1969.
1	6	2002.05.1.8	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1973.
1	7	2002.05.1.9a-b	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1975. (2 copies)
1	8	2002.05.1.10-.18	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1977. (9 items)
1	9	2002.05.1.19	Programs, Worcester County Music Association, 1979.

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Series 2, Programs, Miscellaneous

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1	10	2002.05.2.1-.10	Programs, Worcester Oratorio Society, 1961-1965. (10 items)
1	11	2002.05.2.11a-b	New Worcester Orchestra, calendar of 1973 season. (2 copies)
1	12	2002.05.2.12-.16	Miscellaneous programs, 1961-1970. (5 items)
1	13	2002.05.2.17	Program, Master Singers of Worcester, 1984.
1	14	2002.05.2.18	Program, Mardi Gras at Mechanics Hall, Rededication of Mechanics Hall, Organ Rededication at Mechanics Hall, 1982.