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CM2 - Carmel Music Society Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

- Title: Carmel Music Society Collection
- Number: CM2
- Creator: Carmel Music Society
- Format/Extent: CP: 2 boxes
- Span Dates: 1928 -1973
- Repository: Henry Meade Williams Local History Room
- Physical Location: Vault: CP
- Donor: Unknown
- Accessions:
- Related Collections:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1926, Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous, two women who lived in Carmel, decided to enhance the cultural life of the Monterey Peninsula by creating a local concert association. Until that time, private recitals and the occasional touring concert sponsored by metropolitan booking agents were the only performances of music in the community. Dene and Hazel experimented by booking their own concerts. Those events were so successful that they led a group of local friends and music lovers to establish the Carmel Music Society - a non-profit organization devoted to bringing the finest talent in the classical music repertoire to the area.

Now incorporating the Mozart Society of California, The Carmel Music Society presents yearly a season of world-class performances, and also a competition for aspiring young musicians. Performances are given variously in Sunset Center and at All Saints Church.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains Carmel Music Society programs from 1928 – 2017.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Arrangement Notes:

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INVENTORY

Collected Papers

- Box 1
 - Folder 1: Programs for Annual Meetings, Winter Artist Series, etc
Annual Concert Series Programs (1932-2017)
 - Folder 2: 1928-1940
 - Folder 3: 1941-1955
 - Folder 4: 1955-1960
 - Folder 5: 1960-1965
 - Folder 6: 1966-1973
- Box 2
 - Folder 1: Annual Concert Series Programs 1977-1988

SUBJECTS

Topic

- Music
- Concerts
- Music societies
- Musicians

People

- Denny, Dene, 1885-1959
- Watrous, Hazel, 1888-1954

Genre

- Concert programs

Organization

- Carmel Music Society (Carmel, Calif.)

Geographic Coverage

- Carmel, Calif.