

La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association, RG005.24

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Abstract: The La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association Collection is made up of photographs, programs, ephemera, directories, cookbooks, membership information, meeting minutes and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. The Association was founded in 1954 by Peter Nicholoff and was incorporated in 1957. It changed names over the years, adding a chorus and also merging under the University of California San Diego with their new music department in 1972. This material pertains to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California, its people, places and events. A container list is included in the PDF and HTML versions.

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Biography/Administrative History: The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the

museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

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Photograph. Peter Nicoloff. Founder, La Jolla Civic Orchestra. c1970s.

Photograph. John Garvey. Conductor, La Jolla Symphony. c1970s.

Photograph. George Sementovsky. Soloist. c1970s.

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Program. Sixth Season, Second Concert. Peter Nicoloff, Conductor. Soloists: Elise Tashjian, Joanne Regenhardt, Melvin Brown, David Oldham, Leon Field, Fielder. Choir of St. James-by-the-Sea. 1960.

Program. Eighth Season, Fourth Concert. Peter Nicoloff, Conductor. Soloists: Winners in Young Artists Competition. 1963.

Program. La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association. Concert and Activity Program. 1969 – 1970 Season. Thomas Nee, Music Director.

Program. La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association with the University of California, San Diego Music Department. Thomas Nee, Music Director-Conductor. Soloist: Robert Barnhart. 1969 – 1970 Season.

Program. Geraldine Worster presents: Steven Alan Levinsky Piano Recital. 1965.

Program. (2) La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association 11th Concert Season, 1965 – 1966. Peter Nicoloff, Founder and Conductor. Alvin Mills, Guest Conductor. Floria Bolivar, Pianist. Melvin Brown, Tenor. Nathaniel Rosen, Cello. Contemporary Symphony Program and the La Jolla Civic Chorus. Young Artist Competition.

Program. A Presentation of the Program of Concerts, Past History, and Prospects of La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association Now in It's Fifth Concert Season. Peter Nicoloff, Musical Director. Dr. Garry White, Assistant Director. 1959 – 1960.

Program. Twelfth Season, Third Concert. Hans Lampl, Guest Conductor. Christopher Parkening, Guitar Soloist. 1967.

Program. Twelfth Season, First Concert. Alvin Mills, Guest Conductor. Soloist: Hans Boepple, Pianist. 1966.

Copy. Flyer. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Rummage Sale.

Newspaper article. "Music Group to Honor Founder." Peter Nicoloff. La

Jolla Light. 1962.

Program. Fifth Season, Third Concert. Peter Nicoloff, Conductor. Guest Soloists: Lawrence Christianson, French Horn; Norvada Smedley, Soprano. 1960.

Program. Mary Bran Artist Series. S. Hurok presents Andres Segovia, Guitarist. Russ Auditorium, San Diego. 1960.

Program. Fifth Season, Second Concert. Peter Nicoloff, Conductor. Guest Soloist: Xenia Chasman, Pianist. 1960.

Program. Sixteenth Annual San Diego National Shakespeare Festival. Old Globe Theatre. 1965.

Newsletter. Officers for 1967-1968 Season; Dates of Concerts; Orchestra Consolidation with University; Attention Musicians; Chorus; Snowballs of Summer; Book Cover; Women's Committee; Homes; Classes to benefit Orchestra. Membership form. 1967.

Flyer. Women's Committee News Score of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra. Pied Piper Programs. Bake Sale.

Program. University of California, San Diego. The Committee for Arts and Lectures and The Old Globe Theatre present Emlyn Williams as Charles Dickens. 1965.

Program. "Oh Dad, Poor Dad." Old Globe Theatre.

Newspaper article. "Ham of the Year." Craig Noel. Old Globe Theatre. San Diego Union. 1965.

Newspaper article. "Theater and Arts: Dr. Figueredo Named As New President of LJCOA."

Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association 10th Anniversary letterhead. From Dessau Clarkson, Corresponding Secretary to Alberta Benitz RE: resignation. 1964.

Flyer. 20th Anniversary Celebration. La Jolla Civic University Symphony annual musical home tour. "Music Go Round." Russell Forester. David Kikuchi. Lynn Fayman. Harry Crosby. Rex Ryan. Joseph Yamada. Donald Hazleton. 1974.

Copy. Newspaper article. "Civic Orchestra Sets Five Concerts, Elects New Slate of Officers."

Newspaper articles and receipt. "Music Group Sets Coffee in La Jolla." "Orchestra Group Busy on Plans." 1960.

Newspaper article. "Calls for 'Abandon Ship' Togs." Newcomer's Club. The San Diego Union. 1962.

Newspaper article. "J.W. Tippetts Heads La Jolla Musical Group."

Newspaper articles. "LJ Civic Concert Sunday to Honor First Conductor." "Rita Gerke Returns, Will Persorm June 19." Thomas Nee. La Jolla Light. 1970.

Flyer. 1978 - 1979 Season, La Jolla Civic University Symphony and Chorus. Thomas Nee, Music Director.

Newspaper page. "La Jolla Civic University Symphony and Chorus Celebrates It's 28th Season." Thomas Nee. Christina Snkenbrand Vooss.

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Ken Brookstein. Maryana Erzinger. Kenneth Anderson. Women's Committee. David Chase, Choral Director. La Jolla Sun. 1981.

Newspaper article. "ArtzaPoppin Plans Proceeding." "LJ Artists Will Exhibit at Artza-Poppin." Dr. Norman Cooley. Leslie Hill. Mike Ross. Helen Petre. Dorothy Stratton. Reese Shaw.

La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association envelope containing the following: Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association letterhead from Dessau Clarkson, President to Alberta Benitz RE: resignation; List of Women's Committee Board Members & Chairmen; List of Officers and Board Members 1967 - 1968 (2); Handwritten invitation on La Jolla Museum of Art letterhead RE: 25th Anniversary Tea, 1966; Newspaper article RE: Duplicate Bridge; Newspaper article RE: voting, 1963; Newspaper article, Social Service League, Mrs. Thomas Faulconer, Dr. Jack Addington, Mrs. Paul Benitz, 1962 (2); Newspaper article, "Civic Orchestra Members Drive Starts Tomorrow," Coleman, Benitz, Gentry, Berkenfield; Newspaper article (2) RE: White Elephant Sale, Igleheart, Benitz, Traylor; Newspaper page, "Alpine Holiday," Jones, Benitz, Willis, La Jolla Light, 1959; Newspaper article RE: Freedoms luncheon, Di Meglio, Lee, Benitz, Einborn; Typed letter, "Antique department report for the 1963 White Elephant Sale; Handwritten summary of receipts and expenses, 1963/64; Photograph. Jones, Benitz and Willis.

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Booklet. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association: How it Works, Financial Statement, Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Bylaws, Legal Documents. 1964.

Packet. Letters, programs. Ronald R. Hrusoff, William J. Doyle, San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association, Melvin G. Goldzband, Thomas Nee. 1969/70.

List. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association Board Members. 1966-1967.

List of Board Members and Executive Committee. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1961-1962.

Minutes. Minutes of the Board Meeting of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra. 1967.

List of musicians. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association.

Agenda packet. La Jolla Civic University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. 1991.

Letter on La Jolla Civic University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus letterhead from Garrett Bowles, President to Board Members. 1990.

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Minutes. La Jolla Civic University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. 1990.

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Board of Directors Roster. La Jolla Civic University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. 1990-1991.

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Minutes. Board meeting of the La Jolla Symphony Association. 1992.

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Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association letterhead from Anita V. Figueredo to "Doctor."

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Notice of Board Meetings. La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association.

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List. Board of Directors. La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association. 1969-1970.

Membership Roster. La Jolla Civic Orchestra and Chorus Association. 1969-1970.

Minutes. Meeting of the Executive Committee, La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1967.

Minutes. La Jolla Civic Orchestra. 1967.

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List. Officers and Board Members. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1967-1968.

Packet. Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association letterhead from Anita V. Figueredo, President to "Dear Friend." Board meeting minutes. Balance Sheet. Newspaper article: "Philharmonic Membership Tea is Scheduled". List: membership committee. Letter from Otto Kallir to Streeter Blair. Brochure: Visiting Scholar Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Information sheet: "Vincent Price Presents a One-Man Showing of Streeter Blair." Autobiography, Streeter Blair. 1965-1966.

List. Women's Committee.

List (3). Members. 1956.

List. Board of Directors. 1959.

Informational sheet. Membership Record System, Deadline days of each month. 1955.

List. Junior Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra Board. 1959-1960.

Invitation (3). "The Board of Directors of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association cordially invites you to attend the Seventh Annual Dinner Meeting of the Association honoring Conductor Peter Nicoloff.

Agenda. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1960.

Proposed Operating Budget. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1960-1961.

Explanation of Budget Items. 1960-1961.

Roster of Board Members. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1960-1961.

List. Officers and Committee Members for 1960-1961 Season. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association.

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Agenda. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1962.

Roster of Officers, Executive Committee, Board. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1959-1960.

List. Board and Committee Members. 1959.

Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association letterhead from M.D. Woodbury to Mrs. Paul A. Benitz. 1959.

Memorandum. From the Board of Directors of the La Jolla Civic

Orchestra Association to "Our Members." 1962.
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Financial records. Income and Disbursement Statement. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1961-1962.
Letter on J.F. Jones, D.D.S. letterhead from Jerry to Mrs. Alberta Benitz. 1959.
Report. Suggestions concerning the work of the Membership Committee. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association.
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Promotional fold-out mailer. Join Your Orchestra Association. 1965.
List (2). Women's Committee of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association. 1963-1964.
Envelope and newsletter, News Score, from Kay Keith of the Women's Committee of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association to Mrs. Paul Benitz. 1964.
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Newsletter. The Country Friends, President's Report from Miss. Enna P. Clark. 1964-1965.

Financial Report. The Country Friends. Cash Receipts and Disbursements. 1965.

Envelope and Invitation. The Women's Committee of the La Jolla Civic Orchestra. "Little Bavaria." 1959.

Letter on La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association letterhead from B.M. Kitchen, Chairman Membership Committee to Mr. and Mrs. Benitz. 1964.

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Ticket Book. La Jolla Civic Orchestra Association.

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