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HOUSTON SYMPHONY ARCHIVES

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ACCESS

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Finding Aids:

Paper Database Other

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Comments on Access:

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COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Houston Symphony Archives is to collect, preserve, and make available for research records relating to the history and mission of the Houston Symphony. These collections reflect the musical and cultural development of Houston through records of the staff, the board of the governing organization, the Houston Symphony Society, and affiliated organizations and individuals.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

RG11.1: Concert programs for 1914 and from 1933 to the present (complete from the late 1980s); RG11.2: Press Releases; RG11.3: Newsclippings; RG1: Houston Symphony Society Board records; MS1: Women's Committee/Houston Symphony League records; MS11: Hubert Roussel Papers; RG17: Photo Collection – photos of the orchestra, chorale, music venues, and associated individuals (staff and volunteer.)

Weaknesses:

Over 20 years of minutes of the Houston Symphony Society were destroyed in the flood of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001. Also lost to posterity were thousands of photographs of the orchestra, its individual members, guest artists and conductors from the inception of the organization. DAT tapes of live performances were similarly lost, although there are some commercial recordings in the collection.

Additional Comments:

Relatively few of the organization's administrative records have been catalogued to date.