Finding Aid

Dominick Argento (b. 1927) Papers

Descriptive Summary

Title
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Extent
Number of containers: 1 box
Linear feet: 0.25 lin. ft.

Repository
Peabody Archives
Johns Hopkins University

Location
Archives stacks, second floor of the Friedheim Music Library

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Artificial collection

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Biography

“Dominick Argento is an American composer born in Pennsylvania in October of 1927. He studied at the Peabody Conservatory (BM 1951; MM 1954), at the Eastman School (PhD 1957), and privately with Weisgall, who encouraged his inclination towards opera. Between his degrees
at Peabody, he was also awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Florence with Dallapiccola at the Cherubini Conservatory. He was professor of composition at the University of Minnesota (1959–97) and in 1964 was a joint founder of Minnesota Opera. His operas, which place a high value on theatrical effectiveness and Italian-style lyricism, include *Christopher Sly* (Minneapolis, 1963), *Postcard from Morocco* (Minneapolis, 1971), *A Water Bird Talk* (Brooklyn, 1975), *The Voyage of Edgar Allan Poe* (St Paul, 1976), *Casa Nova's Homecoming* (St Paul, 1985), and *The Dream of Valentino* (Washington, 1995). Among his other works are choral settings and songs.”

(Paul Griffiths, *Grove Music Online*)

**Scope and Content**

The collection includes biographical information, compositional works list, newspaper clippings, and concert programs and notes.

**Container List**

**Box 1**

- Folder 1  Biographical Information
- Folder 2  May 1993 Commencement Address
- Folder 3  Newspaper Clippings
- Folder 4  Programs/Notes

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