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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Felix and Fay Ann Resnick Papers primarily provide an extensive collection of DSO programs and overview of the workings of the volunteer organizations that worked to fundraise and host events invaluable to the workings of the orchestra. Additionally, a collection of DSO ephemera and programs, news clippings, and photographs of local orchestras Felix Resnick worked with, are present in the collection. Local orchestras include Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony, Detroit Sinfonietta (Little Symphony of Detroit), Grosse Pointe Symphony, Lyric Chamber Ensemble, and West Bloomfield Orchestra.

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History

Felix Resnick was born in New York in 1918, but lived most of his life in the Detroit area. As a violinist, he played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 65 years, from 1942 until his death in 2008. During his years with the DSO, Felix worked with seven Music Directors: Karl Krueger, Paul Paray, Sixten Ehrling, Aldo Ceccato, Antal Dorati, Gunther Herbig and Neeme Jarvi.

Felix was also involved in local symphonies, including the Grosse Pointe Symphony (Leader, 40 years), Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony (Music Director, 30 years), Pontiac Symphony (Leader, 30 years).

Felix and Fay Ann married in 1948 and had two children.

Fay Ann Resnick was born in 1921. Beginning in the 1960s, Fay Ann became very active in the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, later known as the Volunteer Council. She was recognized by Governor Engler in 2000 for her 40+ years of volunteer support for the arts in Michigan. Fay Ann passed away in 2015.

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Scope and Content

This collection is organized in four series. Series 1 contains programs collected and retained by Felix Resnick during the years which he played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Series 2 materials relate to the various volunteer organizations associated with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and were collected and retained by Fay Ann Resnick during her time as a member. Series 3 is comprised of ephemera collected by the Resnick's in the decades they were associated with the Orchestra. Items range from Euro and Japan tour trip documents to souvenir booklets, and even includes a silhouette of Ossip Gabrilowitsch who conducted the orchestra from 1918 until 1935. Photographs of the Orchestra can also be found in this series. Series 4 contains materials of the Resnick's that are not connected to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. These materials include correspondence, programs and materials relating to local orchestra and music groups Felix Resnick helped with and conducted, and news articles about Felix Resnick. Series 1: Detroit Symphony Orchestra Programs, 1920-2006 Series 2: Detroit Symphoony Orchestra Volunteer Activities, 1928-1999 Series 3: Ephemera, 1923-2005 Series 4: Non-DSO, 1943-1998

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Acquisition

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This collection was donated to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Archives by Fay Ann Resnick in August 2008, after the death of her husband and long-time DSO violinist Felix Resnick.

Processing History

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