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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Abstract:	Karl Krueger was an American musician and conductor who served as music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the 1940s. He had a notable career with various orchestras and was a guest artist in the U.S., Europe and South America throughout his career from the 1920s through the 1960s. This collection consists primarily of clippings and DSO programs from Krueger's tenure with the DSO in the 1940s, including 2 large scrapbooks of clippings. There are also manuscripts of several articles and part of a book written by Krueger.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Karl Adalbert Krueger (1894-1979) was born in Atchison, Kansas, and received a music degree from the University of Kansas, but then went on to study law in Vienna, Austria, and Heidelberg, Germany. He pursued a career in music and gained success in the 1920s and 1930s, touring Europe, the U.S. and South America as a cellist, organist and conductor. He served as conductor of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra from 1926 to 1933, when he became conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic. When DSO patron Henry Reichhold resurrected the DSO in the early 1940s, he installed Karl Krueger as music director. Krueger remained in Detroit until 1949. Krueger was the first conductor from the U.S. to conduct an orchestra in Europe after the end of WWII, in the spring of 1946. He continued to record music and

conduct around the world in the 1950s and 1960s and was general director of New Records, Inc., a recording company specializing in American music.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Folders are arranged in original order, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the boxes.

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Collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

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Other collections included in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Records.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Symphony orchestras
- Music
- Performing Arts

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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DSO Sunday Evening Hour Radio Broadcast; advertisement, 1947	Box 1	Folder 1
Famous symphony conductors; calendar, 1950	Box 1	Folder 2
Communications; press releases, correspondence, 1945-1950	Box 1	Folder 3
Various clippings and advertisements, undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Clippings, 1943	Box 1	Folder 5
Clippings, 1944	Box 1	Folder 6
Clippings, 1945	Box 1	Folder 7
Clippings, 1948, 1952	Box 1	Folder 8
Henry Reichhold, "Symphony of the Americas" contest; clippings, 1940s	Box 1	Folder 9
Profile of Krueger, U.S. State Department; document, undated, after 1948	Box 1	Folder 10
DSO, concert programs; loose pages, 1943-1945	Box 1	Folder 11
DSO, concert programs; booklets, 1944-1945	Box 1	Folder 12
DSO, concert programs; booklets, 1945-1946	Box 1	Folder 13
DSO, concert programs; booklets, 1946-1947	Box 1	Folder 14
DSO, concert programs; booklets, 1947-1948	Box 1	Folder 15
University of Kansas Alumni Distinguished Service Award; lists, 1951, 1952	Box 2	Folder 1
DSO season books, 30th anniversary and "Twilight Season"; brochures, 1944-1945	Box 2	Folder 2
DSO at Carnegie Hall programs; booklets, 1945	Box 2	Folder 3
DSO Radio Broadcast, Victor Record Program; script, 1945 April 23	Box 2	Folder 4
DSO Radio Broadcasts, WWJ; programs, 1944 January, March	Box 2	Folder 5
Concerts in Denmark and Brazil, Krueger as guest conductor; programs, 1945	Box 2	Folder 6
"Biggest Symphony Goes to Town," Time magazine; clipping, 1945 February 12	Box 2	Folder 7
"Biggest Symphony Takes the Town" advertising brochure, probably 1945	Box 2	Folder 8
"Karl Krueger: Cultural Ambassador," by Walter Breuer; booklet, circa 1946	Box 2	Folder 9
"An Expert Appraisal of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Karl Krueger," by Pierre Key, from The Musical Digest; reprint, 1945 January-February	Box 2	Folder 10

"The Arts in American Education," by Karl Krueger, in Music Educators Journal, 1947 April	Box 2	Folder 11
"1948 Concert Tours of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra," in News from Music Hall, Bulletin 12; newsletter, 1948	Box 2	Folder 12
"What the Critics Say of Karl Krueger, American Conductor," Arthur Judson, concert management; booklet, after 1943	Box 2	Folder 13
"The Plight of the American Composer," by Karl Krueger; manuscript, undated	Box 2	Folder 14
"What We Do Not Know About American Music," by Karl Krueger; manuscript, copyright 1958	Box 2	Folder 15
"The Accursed Little Baton," by Karl Krueger; manuscript, undated	Box 2	Folder 16
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Karl Krueger; scrapbook, 1943-1944	Box 3	Oversize Scrapbook 1
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Karl Krueger; scrapbook, 1943-1945	Box 3	Oversize Scrapbook 2