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DOROTHY BEE

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Biographical Sketch: Dorothy Williamina Bee was born on November 1, 1910 in Lemberg Saskatchewan and moved to Regina at a young age. Dorothy played a string bass for the Regina Symphony Orchestra from 1943 to 1971, she also played and taught piano, was an author, editor and co-editor of material used to advance the teaching of music for the Western Board of Music. She introduced over 1000 new pieces as Head of the Piano Syllabus Committee from 1968 to 1974.

Bee studied with William M. Buckley (1928-1936) and Lyell Gustin (1936), Master classes were taken with Rosalyn Tureck in 1940. Between 1944 and 1948 Dorothy studied with Max Pirani, Victor Babin for a year in 1960 and Andre Previn in 1970 and 1971.

Bee began as a faculty member at the Conservatory of Music in 1946 and began teaching at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus in 1949. Very active in the area of music in Saskatchewan, Bee was an adjudicator and consultant for the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association, and an examiner for the Western Board of Music and Mount Royal College in Calgary. She co-authored, with Gordon Wallis, three volumes of studies for the piano which were especially designed to help students with specific technical problems.

From 1955 to 1957 Dorothy was president of the Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Association (SRMTA), and Vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Association (CFMTA). In 1976 Dorothy was editor-in-chief of 8 graded volumes of piano repertoire.

Dorothy Bee retired in 1979 and died in 1986.

Scope and Content: This collection includes text, 3 photographs, 1 sound recording, 1 retirement tray, and 2 oversized items.

Future Accruals: Future accruals from the donor are not expected.

Access Restriction: There are no closed or confidential files in this collection.

- Box 1
- 1 Biographical Information
 - 2 Buckley, William H.
Canzonetta for the Pianoforte, (music score) 1906 (oversize)
 - 3 Certificates
 - Certificate of Appreciation – Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Association
 - Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music
 - Royal College of Music, 1931 (oversize)
 - Honorary Life Member (S.R.M.T.A) [Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers Association]
 - Ten Year Service – University of Regina
 - 4 Christian Guard - 1903
 - 5 Clippings
 - Joint Musical Recital Delights Audience
 - Three Big Names on Famous Show
 - Ramsay- Gabriel vocal and Piano Recital Charms
 - G.W. Sahlmark Pioneer, dies, Legacies of Service
 - 6 Correspondence
 - from W.P. Thompson Re: Committee to study the organization and programs of the Conservatory of Music
 - 7 Dedication Services
 - Darke Hall
 - Darke Memorial Chimes – Metropolitan United Church
 - Regina Collegiate Institute – Announcement -1914-1915; yearbook 1926-1927
 - 8 Holy Bible (1896)
 - 9 Lemberg Auxillary
 - Lemberg Auxillary Delegates Report – June 17, 1908
 - 10 Music Programs
 - Artist – Recital Series June 14, 1951
 - Piano Recital by Harold Samuel – May 25th
 - Canadian Chautauguas – July 1928
 - S.P.M.T.A. – April 1934
 - Regina Orchestral Society, Nov. 25, 1928
 - Violin Recital February 3, 1916
 - C.F.M.T.A. – Young Artist Series 1971-72
 - British Players 1931-1932
 - Provincial Exhibit – 1938
 - Regina Music Festival ,1945
 - Conservatory Prize Night – 1950
 - Piano Recital: June 29, 1940; June 24, 1939; June 25, 1937; June Closing June 29, 1943; June 20, 1945; June 22, 1943; June 28, 1935; June 27, 1942; June 21, 1944; June 24, 1939; June 30, 1938; October 28, n.d.; April 28, 1946; March 7, 1934
 - Percy granger recital – march 17, 1936
 - Elizabethan Singers – January 22, 1942
 - Festival Winners' Recital – May 7, 1948
 - Regina male Voice Choir – April 1, 1929
 - Regina Conservatory Symphony Orchestra 1943-44 Season,
 - 11 Photographs (3)
 - 1) Bee, Dorothy, n.d.
Photographer: West's Studio, 2070 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan (77244)
 - 2) Gustin, Lyell, 1939. "To Dorothy Bee, in appreciation and with best wishes, Lyell Gustin, Christmas 1939"
Photographer: (Illegible)
 - 3) Saskatchewan Legislative Building, Regina, Saskatchewan, n.d.
Photographer: Turner Photo, Regina, Saskatchewan
 - 12 Provincial Exhibit

- 13 Retirement Gift (Silver tray, U of R.)
- 14 Regina Collegiate Institute
Saskatchewan Provincial Music Teachers Association (SPMTA)
- 15 Convention Programmes – April 19, 20, 1938; April 6, 1942; July 15-18, 1936
- 16 Plaque
“In recognition of your individual talents and concerned dedication so generously given”
(SRMTA) Regina Branch, 1984”
- 17 Sound Recording – Angela Gabriel (pupil of Dorothy Bee’s) “Opportunity Knocks”
- 18 Students’ Bulletins
Volume 4, #8, November 30, 1942 (