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**Biographical Sketch:** Gordon C. Wallis was born in Dodsland, Saskatchewan on July 7, 1917. Wallis earned an A.T.C.M. Associate - Special Diploma (Piano) in 1934 from the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto and from 1935 to 1938 gave piano lessons to students in several towns in Saskatchewan. Wallis served overseas with the Canadian army during World War II obtaining an honorable discharge in 1945. In 1946 Wallis joined the piano faculty of the Hambourg Conservatory of Music in Toronto where he taught until 1951. Wallis was organist and choirleader at St. Clair Baptist Church in Toronto, Royal York Road United Church, Knox Presbyterian Church in Oakville and at the High Park Avenue United Church in Toronto from 1948 to 1961 while from 1952 to 1965 he also taught lessons privately. From 1960 to 1962 Wallis was Supervisor of Music for Markham (Ontario) Public Schools and after a few years doing accompaniment work for solo singers was appointed, in August 1966, Assistant Director of the Regina Conservatory (of Music) at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. Wallis' diplomas in music include a Licentiate from the Royal Schools of Music (L.R.S.M.) obtained in 1940, a Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Toronto in 1948, a Licentiate from Trinity College London (L.T.C.L.) in 1954, an Associate degree from the Canadian College of Organists (A.C.C.O.) obtained in 1956; an Associate degree from the American Guild of Organists (A.A.G.O.) in 1957 and a Choir Master "A" degree in 1958, also from the American Guild of Organists.

A year before he died, Wallis set up the Gordon C. Wallis Piano Competition Program for students between the ages of 15 and 21. The competition is held every two years and is administered by the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association with the top prize being \$5,000.00 and an engagement with the Regina and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestras as a guest artist. Wallis was very heavily involved with the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Syllabus Music Selection Committee and adjudicated the festivals throughout Canada. Several scholarships have also been established in his name, among them the Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Intermediate Beethoven Scholarship (awarding \$200); the Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Senior Beethoven Scholarship (awarding \$300); and the Wallis Memorial Award (awarding \$500). In addition to teaching piano, opera was also very important to Wallis and the Gordon Wallis Opera Resource Centre is located at Darke Hall. This open Resource Centre is made up of his extensive personal collection of material related to opera and includes recordings and operatic scores, libretti, documents, books, periodicals and programmes from major opera houses all over the world.

Wallis was made an Honorary Life Member of the Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association for his enduring commitment to music and singing. Wallis passed away in July 1999.

Elizabeth Seitz, 2015

**Sources:** <http://www.srmta.com/honorary-life-members.html>  
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**Future Accruals:** Future accruals are not expected.

**Scope and Content:** This open collection is comprised of approximately 32 centimetres of material and ranges from 1966 to 1992, it is comprised of Dorothy Bee's obituary and musical programmes collected by Gordon Wallis from such Canadian venues as:

Achill & Georgetown Choral Societies	CBC Radio
The American Film Theatre	CBC Regina
Banff Centre	Centre de Culture
Campbell Collegiate	Chamber Music Concert
Campion High School	Church of the Blessed Sacrament
Canada – USSR Cultural Exchange	Contemporary Dancers
Canadian Bible College	Contemporary Directions Ensemble
Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations	Co-opera's 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rites of Spring
Canadian Mosaic	Deer Park United Church
Cathedral Music	Eglinton United Church
CBC National Music Festival	Elizabethan Singers of Regina
	English Suitcase Theatre

First Baptist Church	Royal Winnipeg Ballet
First Presbyterian Church	Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet
Gallery on the Roof	Sandy Bar
Globe Theatre	Saskatchewan Arts Board
Government House	Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts
The Gyro Club of Regina	Saskatchewan Festival of the Arts
Heidelberg Chamber Orchestra	Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association
Helsinki Festival	Saskatchewan Writers Guild
Holland Festival	Scene Festival Canada
Holy Rosary Cathedral	School of Music Gallard'
Jeunesses Musicales	Society for the Advancement of Music
The Kinsmen Concert Series	South Saskatchewan Opera Guild
Knox-Metropolitan United Church	Spirit in the Landscape
Leader-Post Christmas Carols	St. Andrew's Sanctuary Choir
Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo	St. Joseph's Convent
Les Grand Ballets Canadiens	St. Mary's Anglican Church
Liederabend	St. Matthew's
Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra	St. Paul's Church
Mackenzie Art Gallery	Stars of China National Dancers
Manitoba Opera Association	Stars of the Bolshoi
Masses of Haydn & Schubert	Theatre Canada Festival
Mendel Art Gallery	Theatre Saskatchewan
Music Teachers' Associations	Toronto Symphony Orchestra
National Ballet of Canada	Trinity Lutheran Church
Northwestern University School of Music	United National Children's Fund
O'Keefe Centre for Performing Arts	University of Alberta
Oberlin Opera Theater	University of Regina Champion College
Opera Saskatchewan	University of Regina College of Fine Arts
The Overture Concert Association	University of Regina Collegium Musicum
The Place	University of Regina Concert Choir
Prairie Opera	University of Regina Conservatory of Music
Queen Elizabeth II Music Building	University of Regina Department Music
Radio Orchestra of Canada	University of Regina Department of Drama
Regina Ballroom Hotel Saskatchewan	University of Regina Department of Music
Regina Bell Ringers	University of Regina Department of Theatre
Regina Centre of the Arts	University of Regina Fine Arts
Regina Chamber Singers	University of Regina Luther College
Regina Chinese Singers Concert	University of Regina Opera Workshop
Regina Little Theatre	University of Regina School of Journalism
Regina Lyric Light Opera	University of Regina Theatre Department
Regina Male Voice Choir	University of Saskatchewan
Regina Music Club	University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus
Regina Music Festival	Drama Department
Regina Performing Arts Centre	University of Toronto
Regina Philharmonic Chorus	University of Women' Musical Club
Regina Public Library	Wesley United Church
Regina Summer Stage	Western Board of Music
Regina Symphony Orchestra	Young Artists Inter-Provincial Competition
Regina Symphony Women's Association	Youth & Music Canada
The Rotary Club of Penticton	Zion United Church
Rotary Players Program	
Royal Canadian College of Organists	

Box 1		Obituary	
	1	Bee, Dorothy	1986
		Programmes	
	2	1966 – 1967 (includes notes on recitals) Canadian Bible College Eglinton United Church The Overture Concert Association O'Keefe Centre for Performing Arts The Place Regina Little Theatre Regina Musical Club Regina Public Library Saskatchewan Festival of the Arts Scene Festival Canada St. Joseph's Convent St. Paul's United Church Toronto Symphony Orchestra Trinity Lutheran Church University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus Conservatory of Music	
	3	1967 – 1968 Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus Conservatory of Music Radio Orchestra of Canada Regina Little Theatre Regina Musical Club Regina Public Library Regina Symphony Orchestra The Royal Canadian College of Organists Saskatchewan Festival of the Arts Scene Festival Canada St. Paul's Church Theatre Saskatchewan University of Saskatchewan University of Toronto	
	4	1968 – 1969 Contemporary Dancers Deer Park United Church The Gyro Club of Regina Helsinki Festival Holland Festival Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra The Overture Concert Association Regina Male Voice Choir Regina Symphony Orchestra The Royal Canadian College of Organists Saskatchewan Festival of the Arts Scene Festival Canada University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus Conservatory of Music	
	5, 6	1969 – 1974 (2 folders) The American Film Theatre Campion High School Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association Canadian Mosaic Centre de Culture Conservatory of Music Jeunesses Musicales	

		<p>The Kinsmen Concert Series  Knox Metropolitan United Church  Liederabend  Manitoba Opera Association  Mendel Art Gallery  The National Ballet  Regina Chamber Singers  Regina Music Festival  The Overture Concert Association  Regina Symphony Orchestra  The Rotary Club of Penticton  Saskatchewan Arts Board  Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts  School of Music Gallard'  Society for the Advancement of Music  Stars of the Bolshoi  University of Alberta  University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus Drama Department  University of Women' Musical Club</p>	
	7	<p>1974 – 1975  The American Film Theatre  Globe Theatre  Jeunesses Musicales  Regina Little Theatre  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Royal Canadian College of Organists  St. Paul's Cathedral  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	8	<p>1975 – 1976  Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association  Elizabethan Singers of Regina  Globe Theatre  Leader-Post Christmas Carols  National Ballet of Canada  Pioneer Days along the Cope Creek  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Royal Canadian college of Organists  Sandy Bar  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department of Music  University of Regina Drama Department  University of Regina Luther College</p>	
Box 2	9	<p>1976 – 1977  Canada – USSR Cultural Exchange  CBC Radio  Les Grand Ballets Canadiens  Regina Little theatre  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  University of Regina Department of Music  University of Regina Fine Arts</p>	
	10	<p>1977 – 1979  Gallery on the Roof  Globe Theatre  National Ballet of Canada</p>	

		<p>Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Royal Canadian College of Organists  Royal Winnipeg Ballet  Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts  Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association  University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	11	<p>1979 – 1980  Holy Rosary Cathedral  Jeunesses Musicales  Knox Metropolitan United Church  National Ballet of Canada  Regina Musical Club  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Regina Symphony Women's Association  Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts  St. Andrew's Sanctuary Choir  St. Matthew's  Toronto Symphony Orchestra  United National Children's Fund  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	12	<p>1980 – 1982  Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association  Globe Theatre  Knox Metropolitan United Church  Les Grand Ballets Canadiens  Music Teachers' Association  National Ballet of Canada  Northwestern University School of Music  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts  Stars of China National Dancers  University of Regina College of Fine Arts  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department of Music  University of Regina Department of Theatre</p>	
	13	<p>1982 – 1983  Globe Theatre  Mackenzie Art Gallery  Music Teachers' Associations  Regina Ballroom Hotel Saskatchewan  Regina Public Library  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Royal Canadian College of Organists  University of Regina Campion College  University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	14	<p>1983 – 1984  Banff Centre  Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations  Globe Theatre  Knox Metropolitan United Church  Masses of Haydn &amp; Shubert  National Ballet of Canada  Oberlin Opera Theater  Regina Public Library</p>	

		<p>Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet          South Saskatchewan Opera Guild          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music          University of Regina Luther College          Youth &amp; Music Canada</p>	
	15	<p>1984 – 1985          Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations          Globe Theatre          Holy Rosary Cathedral          Knox Metropolitan United Church          Regina Musical Club          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          St. Mary's Anglican Church          University of Regina Campion College          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Drama          University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	16	<p>1985 – 1987          Campbell Collegiate          Canadian Bible College          First Presbyterian Church          Globe Theatre          Government House          Manitoba Opera Association          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Canadian College of Organists          South Saskatchewan Opera Guild          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music          Western Board of Music</p>	
	17	<p>1987 – 1988          Canadian Bible College          Globe Theatre          Government House          National Ballet of Canada          Regina Musical Club          Regina Philharmonic Chorus          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Canadian College of Organists          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts          Toronto Symphony Orchestra          University of Regina College of Fine Arts          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music          University of Regina Theatre Department</p>	
	18	<p>1988 – 1989          Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations          First Baptist Church          Globe Theatre          Heidelberg Chamber Orchestra          Prairie Opera          Regina Musical Club          Regina Philharmonic Chorus</p>	

		<p>Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Canadian College of Organists          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          University of Regina Campion College          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music          University of Regina Luther College          Zion United Church</p>	
Box 3	19	<p>1989 – 1990</p> <p>Canadian Bible College          Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association          CBC National Music Festival          Church of the Blessed Sacrament          Globe Theatre          Knox Metropolitan United Church          Queen Elizabeth II Music Building          Regina Lyric Light Opera          Regina Musical Club          Regina Performing Arts Centre          Regina Summer Stage          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Rotary Players Program          Royal Canadian College of Organists          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          Saskatchewan Writers Guild          Spirit in the Landscape          St. Paul Cathedral          Theatre Canada Festival          University of Regina Campion College          University of Regina Concert Choir          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	20	<p>1990 – 1991</p> <p>Achill &amp; Georgetown Choral Societies          Contemporary Directions Ensemble          Globe Theatre          Knox Metropolitan United Church          Regina Centre of the Arts          Regina Lyric Light Opera          Regina Musical Club          Regina Philharmonic Chorus          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Regina Symphony Orchestra          Royal Winnipeg Ballet          St. Paul's Cathedral          University of Regina Collegium Musicum          University of Regina Conservatory of Music          University of Regina Department of Music          University of Regina Luther College</p>	
	21	<p>1991 – 1992</p> <p>Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations          CBC Regina          Co-opera's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rites of Spring          First Presbyterian Church          Globe Theatre          Knox Metropolitan United Church          Prairie Opera          Regina Bell Ringers</p>	



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	22	<p>1992 – 1993  Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations  Church of the Blessed Sacrament  Globe Theatre  Holy Rosary Cathedral  Knox Metropolitan United Church  Opera Saskatchewan  Prairie Opera  Regina Chinese Singers Concert  Regina Lyric Light Opera  Regina Male Voice Choir  Regina Musical Club  Regina Philharmonic Chorus  Regina Symphony Orchestra  Royal Canadian College of Organists  St. Mary's Anglican Church  St. Paul's Cathedral  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department of Music</p>	
	23	<p>1993 – 1994  Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations  Cathedral Music  English Suitcase Theatre  Globe Theatre  Holy Rosary Cathedral  Knox Metropolitan United Church  Manitoba Opera Association  National Ballet of Canada  Prairie Opera  Regina Music Club  Regina Music Festival  Regina Performing Arts Centre  Regina Symphony Orchestra  St. Paul Cathedral  University of Regina Conservatory of Music  University of Regina Department Music  University of Regina Luther College  University of Regina Opera Workshop  University of Regina School of Journalism  University of Regina Theatre Department  Wesley United Church</p>	