



## Dalhousie University Archives

### **Finding Aid - Nova Scotia Opera Association fonds (MS-5-4)**

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# Nova Scotia Opera Association fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Nova Scotia Opera Association fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-5-4
<b>Date:</b>	1950-1969 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	2.05 cm of textual records 18 folders
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Nova Scotia Opera Association fonds, MS-5-4, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Nova Scotia Opera Association was founded in 1950 by Mariss Vetra and Alfred Strombergs, who both originally hailed from Latvia. Strombergs served as the Association's artistic director until 1953, when he was succeeded by Teodor Brilts in 1954, who was succeeded by Thomas Mayer in 1955. The Halifax Symphonette was formed at the same time to accompany the Association's performances, and later became the basis for the Halifax Symphony Orchestra. The Association's performances were staged in the Capitol Theatre on Barrington Street, and at the Queen Elizabeth Auditorium on Robie Street. Several operas were also performed in different places around Nova Scotia. Productions ceased in 1956 due to financial difficulties and waning interest, however, the Association did sponsor appearances by other production companies for several years thereafter.

### Custodial history

The fonds was donated to Dalhousie University in 1974. Prior to that, it was in the custody of Maurice E. Keating.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds contains copies of programs for operas performed or hosted by the Nova Scotia Opera Association, as well as draft copies of those programs. It also contains business correspondence, annual reports and its notice of incorporation.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Physical condition

Some items in File SF-13.1 are beginning to fall apart.

### Arrangement

Arrangement was imposed by archivist.

### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions of access or use on this fonds.

### Related material

For material on organizations similar to the Nova Scotia Opera Association, please refer to the Atlantic Opera Society fonds, (MS-5-6), the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra fonds (MS-5-11), and the Symphony Nova Scotia fonds (MS-5-14).

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Music--Archival resources (subject)

- Opera (subject)
- Programs (subject)
- Symphony orchestras--Canada (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### Series: Programs

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Programs

Date: 1950-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains 14 programs of past operatic performances and notes on the creation of programs.

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### File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 1 - Programme proofs

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Programme proofs

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 1

Date: [ca. 1950s] (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

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### File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 2 - Programs for the Halifax, Nova Scotia performance of the Tales of Hoffman

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Programs for the Halifax, Nova Scotia performance of the Tales of Hoffman

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 2

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.3 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 3 - Programs for the Moncton, New Brunswick performance of the Tales of Hoffman**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Programs for the Moncton, New Brunswick performance of the Tales of Hoffman

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 3

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 4 - La Traviata**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: La Traviata

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 4

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Deaccessioned 12 copies of this opera's program.

Physical description: 0.3 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 5 - Madame Butterfly**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Madame Butterfly

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 5

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 6 - The Marriage of Figaro**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: The Marriage of Figaro

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 6

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 7 - Countess Maritza**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Countess Maritza

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 7

Date: 1952 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 8 - Halifax Symphonette**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Halifax Symphonette

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 8

Date: 1953 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 9 - All the Nice Girls and The Broken Ring**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: All the Nice Girls and The Broken Ring

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 9

Date: 1953 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 10 - Pictou County Opera Guild in "Orpheus"**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Pictou County Opera Guild in "Orpheus"

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 10

Date: 1954 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 11 - Rigoletto**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Rigoletto

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 11

Date: 1955 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 12 - Faust**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Faust

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 12

Date: 1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 13 - The Canadian Opera Company in "Barber of Seville"**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: The Canadian Opera Company in "Barber of Seville"

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 13

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page

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**Series: Administrative Papers**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Administrative Papers

Date: 1950-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains synopses of operas, drafts of felicitations written by community members, correspondence, annual reports and its act of incorporation.

Physical description: 1.8 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 14 - Notes on Operas**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Notes on Operas

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 14

Date: [ca195-] (date of creation)

Physical description: 15 pages

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 15 - Drafts of program felicitations**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Drafts of program felicitations

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 15

Date: 1958 (date of creation)

Physical description: 11 pages

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 16 - Correspondence, 1950**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Correspondence, 1950

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 17, Folder 16

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 38 pages

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 15, Folder 1 - Act of Incorporation**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Act of Incorporation

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 15, Folder 1

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

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**File: MS-5-4, SF Box 15, Folder 2 - Annual Report**

Creator: Nova Scotia Opera Association.

Title: Annual Report

Reference code: MS-5-4, SF Box 15, Folder 2

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

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