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**DR. DAVID M. LOWRY PAPERS**

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Provenance: The Dr. David Lowry Papers were donated to the Archives on July 12, 2012 by Dr. David Lowry.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2.75  
Approximate number of pieces: 8,500

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Scope and Content Note: **The Dr. David Lowry Papers consist of work papers, music, photographs, a list of concerts, and documents pertaining to the construction of the Gabriel Kney Organ in the Barnes Recital Hall At Winthrop University. The collection also includes papers pertaining to the restoration of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ, David Lowry's "A Short History of the Pipe Organs at Winthrop", and information regarding the Gabriel Kney Organ and Angerstein practice organ. Dr. Lowry was an organist, harpsichordist, and is a retired professor of music at Winthrop University from 1965-2012.**

Transfer of items:

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### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

#### DR. DAVID M. LOWRY



David Lowry is the Parish Musician of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia, South Carolina and the principal Anglo-Catholic parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. He is Professor of Music, Emeritus, at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C., where he has held an appointment from 1965 until his retirement in 2012. He also worked as Music Director of the York County Choral Society in Rock Hill until his retirement in 2012.

In the more than three decades at Winthrop, he has sent off many fine students into careers in church music, education, and the concert field. He continues to be a leader in the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) for which he has been its president, the Royal School of Church Music, for which he is currently secretary of the board of directors for RSCM in America, and several facets of the AGO and the Episcopal Church.

David's zeal for the support of composers is evidenced by the commissioning and the performance of a number of works, including AAM members David Ashley White, Robert J. Powell, Nicholas White and Gary Davison. With partial retirement, he searches for even more effective support of creative work for organ, chamber groups and chorus.

David Lowry holds the BM degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Cleveland; the SMM from Union Theological Seminary, New York; and the DMA from the University of North Texas. Summer studies in Haarlem, the Netherlands, and New College, Oxford have played important roles in the direction his career has taken him.

(Biography taken from Selah Publishing Company website)

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1	PAPER WRITTEN BY DAVID LOWERY This collection contains a paper written for a Communications class at Baldwin-Wallace College.	1957
1	2	BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE MUSIC PROGRAMS This collection includes programs of music recitals from Baldwin-Wallace College, David Lowry's Alma Mater.	1960
1	3	DAVID LOWRY PERSONAL PAPERS This collection includes a change of address form, an envelope mailed for the first day of the Red Cross Stamp, two membership papers for the National Federation of Music Clubs, and a scholarship award from Baldwin-Wallace College.	1952, 1953, 1956, nd
1	4	D.B. JOHNSON MEMORIAL ORGAN This collection includes information and contracts for building the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ, installed in 1955.	1951-1955
1	5	ÆOLIAN-SKINNER ORGAN COMPANY This collection consists of information about the Æolian-Skinner Organ Company which installed the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.	1951-1967
1	6	MÖLLER PRACTICE ORGAN This collection includes information on the Möller Practice Organ in the Recital Hall at Winthrop University.	1966-1969
1	7	KNEY & COMPANY LTD. This collection includes information on the Kney Organ installed at Winthrop University.	1973
1	8	KNEY ORGAN NEWS ARTICLES This collection includes newspaper articles that were clipped from local newspapers about the Kney Organ installed at Winthrop University in the 1970's.	1975
1	9	GABRIEL KNEY PIPE ORGAN PHOTOGRAPHS This collection includes photographs of Gabriel Kney installing the Kney pipe organ in Barnes Recital Hall in the Conservatory of Music.	1975

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
2	10	ORGAN RECITAL REVIEW This collection includes a review of an organ recital by David Lowry in 1975. The recital he reviewed was Jon Gillock performing Oliver Messiaen's "Nine Meditations on the Mystery of the Holy Trinity".	1975
2-4	11-20	DAVID LOWRY RECITAL PROGRAMS This collection includes recital programs and church bulletins from different performances given by Dr. Lowry.	1950-1994, nd
4	21	LIST OF CONCERTS PLAYED BY DAVID LOWRY This collection includes a list of different concerts, arranged by date, that were played by Dr. David Lowry through his tenure as a concert organist.	nd
4	22	LIST OF CONCERTS PLAYED BY DAVID LOWRY This collection includes a list of different concerts, arranged by composer, that were played by Dr. David Lowry through his tenure as a concert organist.	nd
5	23-25	SEASONAL CONCERT PROGRAMS This collection includes programs for different performance venues concert seasons. Many of these included Dr. David Lowry as a performer.	1960-1990
6	26	CONFERENCE PROGRAMS This collection includes program copies from different musician conferences around the country attended by David Lowry.	1961-1978
6	27	UNKNOWN PROGRAM NOTES This collection includes recital program notes from unnamed recitals that included performances by David Lowry.	nd
6	28	CORRESPONDANCE This collection includes letters written to Dr. David Lowry.	1965-1991
6	29	PLAYBILL This collection includes a playbill from New York ProMusica for the production of <i>The Play of Daniel</i> .	1961

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
6	30	INVITATIONS This collection includes invitations for different events from organ recitals to graduations.	1956-1976, nd
6	31	SC MUSICIAN DIRECTORY This collection includes a brochure of the South Carolina Directory of Performing Musicians with contact information for musicians.	1974
6-7	32-33	NEWSPAPER ARTICLES This collection includes newspaper clippings pertaining to David Lowry, Winthrop University, and other organizations Lowry was involved in.	1956-1991
7	34	PHOTOCOPIES OF NEWS ARTICLES This collection includes photocopies of newspaper articles that were collected by David Lowry.	1940-1994
7	35	MAGAZINE ARTICLES This collection includes magazine articles that were collected by David Lowry.	nd
7	36	UNTO THESE HILLS This collection includes copies of <i>Unto These Hills</i> magazines from the Cherokee Historical Association.	1961-1965
7	37	HIGH FIDELITY MAGAZINE This collection includes a copy of <i>High Fidelity</i> magazine featuring an article on Arthur Rubinstein.	1963
7	38	NEWSLETTERS This collection contains newsletters from different organizations that David Lowry either belonged to or was interested in.	1965-1990
7	39	WINTHROP NEWS RELEASES This collection includes several different news releases from Winthrop College about Dr. David Lowry and some of the organs installed at Winthrop.	1985, nd



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7	40	WINTHROP MAGAZINE This collection includes two copies of the Winthrop Magazine from the Spring and Fall of 2005. These copies include articles on the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ Restoration.	2005
7	41	BYRNES ACOUSTIC PLANS This collection includes plans for the Byrnes Auditorium acoustics for installing the pipe organ.	1985
7	42	D.B. JOHNSON MEMORIAL ORGAN This collection includes information on the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ, installed in Byrnes Recital Hall.	1955
8	43-44	ORGAN RESTORATION This collection includes information on the restoration of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ in Byrnes Recital Hall.	2006
8	45	ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY HANDBOOK This collection includes the handbook of the Organ Historical Society.	1985
8	46	BRAHMS FESTIVAL This collection includes information of the 1983 Brahms Festival held at Winthrop University.	1983
8	47	ROCK HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS This collection includes programs from the Rock Hill Chamber Orchestra from when David Lowry was the conductor.	1983-1990
8	48	ROCK HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA NEWS RELEASES This collection includes news releases for the Rock Hill Chamber Orchestra from when David Lowry was the conductor.	1985-1989, nd
8	49	ROCK HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS This collection includes newspaper articles about the Rock Hill Chamber Orchestra from when David Lowry was the conductor.	1983-1990



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8	50	ROCK HILL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA NEWS ARTICLE PHOTOCOPIES This collection includes photocopies of newspaper articles about the Rock Hill Chamber Orchestra from when David Lowry was the conductor.	nd
9	51	AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS NATIONAL CONVENTION This collection includes programs from the annual convention of the American Guild of Organists.	1956-1964
9	52	LUTHERAN CHORAL SOCIETY This collection includes notes and programs from performances of the Lutheran Choral Society.	1960-1964
9	53	CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST This collection includes programs from organ recitals at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York.	1963-1965
9	54	CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC HONORS DINNER This collection includes programs and correspondence regarding the honors dinner for the Conservatory of Music at Baldwin-Wallace College.	1984
9	55	D.B. JOHNSON MEMORIAL ORGAN RESTORATION This collection includes correspondence and programs for the fiftieth anniversary of the installation of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ, as well as fundraising for the restoration of the organ.	2005
9	56	CONCERT AND FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON This collection includes correspondence and programs from the 2006 concert series at Winthrop University in which proceeds went to the restoration of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.	2006
9	57	WINTHROP DEVELOPMENT This collection includes documents from the development department at Winthrop University concerning the restoration of the D.B. Johnson Memorial Organ.	2007

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<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
9	58	WINTHROP ORGAN FESTIVAL This collection includes a program from the 2009 organ festival at Winthrop University.	2009
10	59	SHORT HISTORY OF PIPE ORGANS AT WINTHROP UNIVERSITY This collection includes research notes, as well as a published book written by Dr. David Lowry about the pipe organs installed in the music department of Winthrop University.	2009
10	60	COMMITTEE TO WRITE WINTHROP ALMA MATER This collection includes correspondence, sheet music, and lyrics for writing the Alma Mater of Winthrop University.	1980
10	61	SHEET MUSIC This collection includes sheet music for the organ/piano presumably played by David Lowry.	nd
10	62	MAP OF ÖSTERREICH, AUSTRIA This collection includes a map of the city of Österreich, Austria, presumably used by Lowry when he was in Europe.	nd
10	63	ROCK HILL MUSIC CLUB This collection includes correspondence and programs regarding the Rock Hill Music Club.	2007
10	64	LECTURE NOTES This collection includes notes that Lowry used during his lectures at Winthrop University.	nd
10	65	WEDDING MUSIC LECTURES This collection includes lecture notes when performing at weddings, including suitable song selection.	nd
10	66	STUDENT RECITAL PROGRAMS This collection includes performance programs from the Winthrop College School of Music student recitals.	1966-1984

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10	67	WINTHROP ORGAN CONCERT GUEST PERFORMANCES This collection includes programs from guest performances at Winthrop University.	nd
10	68	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH This collection includes bulletins from Sunday services at First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, NC.	1972-1974
11	69	PHOTOGRAPHS This collection includes photographs from David Lowry's career as a concert organist, as well as photographs from the installation of the Kney Organ in the Byrnes Auditorium.	nd
11	70	POSTCARDS This collection includes postcards that Lowry collected from his travels abroad from church buildings to church interiors.	nd
11	71	SLIDES This collection includes three slides depicting a man at an organ.	nd
11	72	NEGATIVES This collection includes photograph negatives from some of the photographs in folder 69.	nd