



**Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives**  
**415 West Gurley Street**  
**Prescott, AZ 86301**  
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**Title:** Prescott Symphony Guild Scrapbook Records

**Creator:** Prescott Symphony Guild

**Dates:** 1970 – 2001 (bulk years: 1976-2001)

**Quantity:** 1 linear ft.

**System of Arrangement:**

The collection, comprising seven individual scrapbooks, is arranged chronologically with inclusive dates as follows:

- Scrapbook 1: "Prescott Symphony Guild 1976-79"
- Scrapbook 2: "20 Years of Memories: 1977-97"
- Scrapbook 3: 1979-85 (untitled)
- Scrapbook 4: 1986-95 (untitled)
- Scrapbook 5: 1993-95 (untitled)
- Scrapbook 6: 1995-98 (untitled)
- Scrapbook 7: 1998-01 (untitled)

**Abstract:** The initial installment of the Prescott Symphony Guild Scrapbook Collection, comprising first four scrapbooks, was donated to Sharlot Hall Museum Archives by the Guild on July 13, 1999. The final installment, comprising three scrapbooks updating thru May 9, 2001, was donated subsequently.

**Identification:** SHM MS-34

**Language and Scripts of the Materials:** English

## **History of Organization**

Originally a committee of the Yavapai Symphony Association (YSA), the Prescott Symphony Guild evolved into YSA auxiliary in 1976 guided by Prescott classical music enthusiasts Ann Solt, Shannon Rosenblatt and Nitaray Smith who were interested in promoting classical music appreciation among youth within the local community.



At its formal inception on August 17, 1976, the Guild defined its core mission:

- (1) Support the goals of the YSA;
- (2) Promote classical music appreciation among youth in the local community;
- (3) Heighten community awareness of classical music performances within the local community; and,
- (4) Conduct affiliated fundraising projects.

Guild members were required to be current season ticket holders for the symphony and agree to volunteer for Guild-sponsored projects. General meetings were held quarterly.

In 1976, the Phoenix Youth Symphony performed its first concert for Prescott elementary school children. Prior to the concert, the Guild established the Youth Music Memory program involving Guild members who introduced local elementary school children to classical music as a preview of the concert given later by the Phoenix Youth Symphony. The Youth Music Memory program continues to flourish today. About 4,400 Yavapai County elementary and middle-school students attended the annual Music Memories concert March 4, 2014 sponsored by the Guild.

Prior to close of its inaugural year, the Guild sponsored its first ball – “Symphony of Spring” – promoted as the “social event of the season.”

In April 1978, the Guild sponsored its first Music Scholarship Competition for junior/senior high students – a very popular program that became an annual event. That same year the Guild co-sponsored its first fashion show with the Prescott Fine Arts Association.

By 1983 the first monthly coffee was established for Guild members and soon thereafter, classical entertainment. The Guild continues to sponsor many different fund raising events including Phoenix Symphony performances at various local venues.

## **Scope and Content**

The Sharlot Hall archive of the Prescott Symphony Guild spans 25 years (1976-2001). The collection consists primarily of scrapbooks that contain newspaper clippings of fund raising events, concert programs, special event photos and newsletters. Topics include Music Scholarship Competition, Music Memory program, Prescott Symphony Guild, Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix Youth Symphony, Prescott Fine Arts Association, and music.

## **Restrictions**

None



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## Related Archival Materials & Subjects

Music  
Music Memory Program  
Music Scholarship Competition  
Phoenix Youth Symphony  
Prescott Fine Arts Association  
Prescott Symphony Guild  
Rosenblatt, Shannon  
Solt, Ann

## Administrative Information

Accession # 99.105

### **Custodial History:**

The initial installment of materials found within this collection, comprising first four scrapbooks, was donated by the Prescott Symphony Guild to the Sharlot Hall Museum on July 13, 1999. The final installment, comprising last three scrapbooks updating through May 9, 2001, was donated subsequently. The former call number DB 407 is part of this collection. The materials were processed and placed into a standardized DACS compliant archival arrangement and organization scheme. The DACS compliant number assigned to the collection is MS34.

### **Description Control**

This collection was processed by David Duryee using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACs)* in 2014.



## Container List

**Title:** Prescott Symphony Guild Scrapbook Records SHM MS-34

**Dates:** 1976-2001

<b>Prescott Symphony Guild Scrapbook Collection</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.1	Guild Scrapbook No. 1	1976-79
1.2	Guild Scrapbook No. 2 (Part I)	1977-88
1.3	Guild Scrapbook No. 2 (Part II)	1988-97
1.4	Guild Scrapbook No. 3 (Part I)	1979-80
1.5	Guild Scrapbook No. 3 (Part II)	1981-85
1.6	Guild Scrapbook No. 4 (Part I)	1986-89
1.7	Guild Scrapbook No. 4 (Part II)	1990-95
2.1	Guild Scrapbook No. 5	1993-95
2.2	Guild Scrapbook No. 6 (Part I)	1995-97
2.3	Guild Scrapbook No. 6 (Part II)	1997-98
2.4	Guild Scrapbook No. 7 (Part I)	1998-99
2.5	Guild Scrapbook No. 7 (Part II)	1999-2000
2.6	Guild Scrapbook No. 7 (Part III)	2000-01
2.7	Guild Scrapbook No. 7 (Part IV)	2001