

Guide to the Performing Arts Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This large collection provides an overview of the performing arts in Tompkins County, New York from 1852 to 2013. Included are newspaper clippings, performance and event programs, organization-specific notes, and other documents pertaining to the performing arts. In the collection, there is a large range in the types of organizations represented. These include the Mozart Club of Ithaca, the Ithaca Harmonica Society, the Choral Club, the Ithaca Band, the Westminster Choir School, the Ithaca Concert Band, the Ithaca Community Players, Summer-Ithaca, the Ithaca Repertory Theater, the Finger Lakes Drama Festival, the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, the Children's Choir of Ithaca, the Ithaca Ballet, the Ithaca Community Chorus, and the Stillwell Piano School.

One notable figure covered in this collection is the nationally renowned Patrick "Patsy" Conway. Once a student at the Ithaca Conservatory of Music (which later became Ithaca College), Conway led the Ithaca Town Band, also known as Pat Conway's Band, which attracted some of the great musicians of the region, including members of the New York Philharmonic. In 1908, his band performed at the San Francisco Exposition, and he later became the director of the Ithaca School of Band Instruments, one of the affiliated schools of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music.

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