

McLean County Museum of History

Arthur Drake School Band of America Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1970 - 1971
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Brief History

The School Band of America – School Chorus of America was founded July 1, 1959 and established itself as an integral part of the American music education scene. The primary purpose of the European Concert Tour was for giving outstanding American school musicians an opportunity to use their talents in an area of international understanding while acquiring first-hand knowledge of the cultural centers in Europe. They also toured throughout Eastern and Western United States as the American Concert Tour appearing in Central Park in New York as well as the Mormon Tabernacle in Utah.

Membership in the organization focuses on students, aged 15-21, selected through nationwide auditions on the basis of musicianship, character, and personality

Box and Folder Inventory

This collection reflects Arthur Drake's 1970 experience, and includes Bulletins/newsletters, programs, Arthur Drake's anniversary tour documents/souvenirs, newspaper clippings, American concert applications, tourist items – brochures, maps, photos, reunion concerts, 1970 and 1971 European tour, tenth anniversary tour participants info, and miscellaneous items.

Folder 1: Bulletins/Newsletters

- 1.1 "Holiday Greetings" from the Karstedts, one page recalling European journey as chaperones, Christmas 1970.
- 1.2 Post-Tour Bulletin To: SBA-SCA 1970 European Concert Tour Members, From: Edward T. Harn, September 17, 1970, promoting 1971 tour, and 1970 Record Order Form, 2 pages.
- 1.3 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VII No. 4, Cerro Gordo, IL, overview of past tours, request for new members, reunion dates, no date, 2 pages.
- 1.4 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VII No. 5, Cerro Gordo, IL, October 1970, reunion plans, alumni news, request for dues, no date.
- 1.5 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VIII No. 1, Cerro Gordo, IL, February, 1971, 1971 tour and reunion, news of past members, 4 pages.
- 1.6 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VIII Nos. 3 and 4, Cerro Gordo, IL, September, 1971, Jr. Hi news, 1971 tour and reunion, alumni news, funding, 3 pages.
- 1.7 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VIII No. 6, Cerro Gordo, IL, October, 1971, reunion, dues, and alumni news w/reunion applications.
- 1.8 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. VIII No. 7, Cerro Gordo, IL, December 1971, reunion news, dues, and alumni news.
- 1.9 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. IX No. 1, Cerro Gordo, IL, January 1972, past reunion, Jr. High news, 1972 tour, alumni news, 3 pages.
- 1.10 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. IX No. 2, Cerro Gordo, IL, April, 1972, 1972 tour itineraries, alumni news.

- 1.11 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. IX No. 4, Bloomington, IL., October, 1972, new format, reunion news, dues, membership applications, 4 pages.
- 1.12 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. IX No. 5, Bloomington, IL, November 1972, reunion news, 1973 concert tour, Jr. High dues, St. Louis weekend application, 2 pages.
- 1.13 Newsletter SBA-SCA Alumni Association Vol. X No. 1, Bloomington, IL, March 1973, Weekend of Music, Jr. High alumni news.

Folder 2: Programs

- 2.1 "Ville De Mulhouse," July, 1970
- 2.2 "The Groene Foorte," July, no year
- 2.3 "Deutsch-Amerikanische Woche 1970, 2 copies.
- 2.4 "Deutsch-Amerikanische Woche 1970, 4 pages
- 2.5 "Royal Military School of Music," July 1970, 3 pages, and photocopy of cover
- 2.6 "Leas Cliff Hall," July, 1970, 3 pages
- 2.7 "blankenberge recital festival 1970" (foreign language) fold-out
- 2.8 "Volksconcert," and dinner card, July, 1970.
- 2.9 Photocopy "Programme, School Band of America,"
- 2.10 Photocopy "The SBA-SCA Story," w/photos.

Folder 3: Arthur Drake Tenth Anniversary Tour - Documents/Souvenirs

- 3.1 Letter from Edward T. Harms, President SBA-SCA, to Arthur Drake, notification of acceptance, March 3, 1970.
- 3.2 "How To Go Through British Customs," foldout brochure w/insert
- 3.3 PANAM folder w/ticket and baggage check issued to Arthur Drake, New York to Brussels, May 27, '70.
- 3.4 School Band of America name tag – Arthur Drake.
- 3.5 School Band of America-School Chorus of America pocket 1970 pocket itinerary, Arthur Drake
- 3.6 Green baggage tags, European Concert Tour, School Band & Chorus of America, Arthur Drake, 2 tags.
- 3.7 Copy of certificate "School Band of America," to Arthur Drake – participation in 1970 European Concert Tour.
- 3.8 Lowenbrau Munchen drink coaster
- 3.9 Clipper Magazine, June/July '70.

Folder 4: Newspaper Clippings, *Pantagraph* unless noted

- 4.1 "Bill Swaar To Travel In Europe" w/photo, no date
- 4.2 "School Band Selects Two More From Area," and "Pick Roger Meers For European Tour w/photos, no date
- 4.3 "School Band, Chorus Ready Dec. 29 Concert," w/photos, no date
- 4.4 Photocopy of News Release SBA-SCA European Concert Tour, 2 pages, no date
- 4.5 Email from Arthur Drake regarding death of founder of School Band of America, Edward Harn, with obituary, *Pantagraph*, Jun 12, 2019.
- 4.6 "The Music Man on the Battlefield," *The Sierra County Sentinel*, Nov 9, 2012.

Folder 5: American Concert Tour Applications

- 5.1 "4th Annual American Concert Tour," brochure w/history, membership information, and application
- 5.2 "5th Annual American Concert Tour," brochure w/history, membership information, and application, 2 copies

Folder 6: Tourist Items, Brochures, Maps

- 6.1 Bruxelles – pocket fold-out of 10 color Brussels tourist sites
- 6.2 "Sight Seeing Tours" Brussels brochure, 16 pages
- 6.3 Nancy, France-Lorraine brochure, foldout
- 6.4 London brochure w/map
- 6.5 Fold-out brochure advertising leather goods and partial map of Brussels, 2 copies
- 6.6 Envelope w/ map of Lucerne, Bucherer Jewelry/watches, 2 copies
- 6.7 Lecco – brochure/foldout
- 6.8 Pocket miniature pictures (22) of New York City
- 6.9 Brochure of Amberg, Ostbayern, 2 copies
- 6.10 Reproduction of engraving and history of Willisau, Switzerland.

Folder 7: Pictures

- 7.1 Photo copy of School Band and Chorus of America broadcasting on TV from Strasbourg, France, no date.

Folder 8: Reunion Concerts

- 8.1 1970 SBA-SCA Alumni Association Reunion Concert, Bloomington Consistory, December 29, 1970, 17 pages, 2 copies.
- 8.2 1971 SBA-SCA Alumni Association Reunion Concert, Bloomington Consistory, December 29, 1971, 25 pages.
- 8.3 1972 SBA-SCA Alumni Association Reunion Concert, Bloomington Consistory, December 29, 1972, 18 pages.

Folder 9: 1970 and 1971 European Tour

- 9.1 "Tenth Annual European Concert Tour," 1970 Itinerary, w/photos, 11 pages
- 9.2 "Eleventh Annual European Concert Tour," 1971 Itinerary, w/photos, 11 pages
- 9.3 School Band of America - School Chorus of America, cover page for brochure and application
- 9.4 European Concert Tour SBA – SBA Membership Application
- 9.5 "4th Annual American Concert Tour, Jr. High School Band of America," brochure w/photos and application,

Folder 10: Tenth Anniversary Tour Participant Info

- 10.1 Eight page hand-out includes tour itinerary, participants, chaperones, bus assignments
- 10.2 "Student Handbook," 3x5 booklet of travel regulations, including foreign currency, drinking water, personal department.
- 10.3 Tenth Anniversary SBA-SCA 1970 Tour Bulletin, 10-1, 4 page hand out – trip info
- 10.4 Tenth Anniversary SBA-SCA 1970 Tour Bulletin, 10-2, 4 page hand out – trip info

- 10.5 Letter from Blankenberg Photographers to SBA-SBC Member regarding trip photographs
- 10.6 Robert Rollins Blazers, Inc. notice to SBA-SCA members regarding required blazer/uniform
- 10.7 SBA-SCA date, city, bus, hotel address – 3 page list.
- 10.8 Offer to purchase professional photos of trip.

Miscellaneous

McLean County Museum of History Gift Agreement from Arthur Drake, 4/11/2019