

Toledo Museum of Art Collection Institutional History

At the turn of the century, members of the Tile Club, an elitist organization in Toledo, Ohio dedicated to promoting the fine arts, decided to start a museum. Included in the group were George W. Stevens (newspaper man), David L. Stine (architect) and Thomas Parkhurst (painter). The Tile Club procured the abilities of such prominent financiers as Sidney Spitzer, Arthur Secor and Mott Young to head up the plan. Mr. Edward D. Libbey was also brought into the project after much coaxing. Mr. Libbey acquired a house on Madison Avenue for the Museum site, and the Toledo Museum of Art (T. M. A.) was incorporated on April 18, 1901. The first art gallery exhibition ever held in Toledo was given on December 2, 1901. George W. Stevens became the director with his wife, Nina, as his assistant, and Edward Drummond Libbey became the president of the Toledo Museum of Art.

President Libbey gave a parcel of land at Monroe Street and Scottwood Avenue for a new building in 1908 after the Tile Club and the T. M. A. Board of Trustees donated \$50,000 from a contribution drive in the public sector. Libbey matched that sum with a like contribution of his own for the new building project. The new Toledo Museum of Art was dedicated on January 17, 1912. There would be two additions to the Museum in 1929 and 1933, which completed the outside of T. M. A. as it is known today.

Toledo Museum of Art Collection Scope and Content

Researchers will find that this collection contains articles from the T. M. A., including a history of T. M. A. and the Tile Club, a taped transcription interview with a retired glassblower of Libbey Glass Works, items pertaining to the various building projects in 1912, 1926, and 1933, various music-concert programs given at T. M. A. from about 1917 to the early 1970's, early 1900 membership cards and a signed concert program by Rudolph Serkin, pianist, among many interesting and diverse items.

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Box 1

- Folder 1 Pamphlet, "The Pied Piper", January 1938 (2 copies)
- Folder 2 Taped transcription with Harvey Leafgreen (retired glassblower) and others, November 1938
- Folder 3 Architecture: selected items
- Folder 4 "Glass in Art". Selected items
- Folder 5 Notes from book, *A Man and His Dream*, by Nina Stevens
- Folder 6 "Recollections of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Stevens", by Carl Spitzer, 1935
- Folder 7 History of T. M. A.; History of Tile Club, n.d.
- Folder 8 Announcement for new building openings, January 11, 1933
- Folder 9 Concert programs & notes, January 10, 1933 (3 items)
- Folder 10 Program, Dedicatory exercises, January 5, 1926 (3 items)
- Folder 11 Invitation & admission card to dedicatory ceremony, 1926
- Folder 12 Pamphlet, Dedication & Inaugural Addresses, January 17, 1926
- Folder 13 Membership cards, 1906 (2 items); 1911(2 items); 1912 (1 item)
- Folder 14 Invitation to inaugural reception & exhibition, January 11, 1912
- Folder 15 Dedication program of Toledo Symphony Orchestra, January 18, 1912
- Folder 16 Invitations to dedication ceremonies, January 17-18, 1912 (3 copies)
- Folder 17 Exhibition opening announcement, March 7, 1912
- Folder 18 Buffet luncheon for visiting guests, January 17, 1912
- Folder 19 Program of ceremonies, with 1 original by Norfeldt, January 17-18, 1912 (2 copies)
- Folder 20 "Ballet Russe" programs, 1935, 1941
- Folder 21 Fiftieth Anniversary: selected items, 1951
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- Folder 23 *Museum News*: Selected years
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- Folder 25 Book, *Josef Israels*, by F. W. Gunsaulus, 1912
- Folder 26 Education classes: selected items (brochures)
- Folder 27 Education classes: selected items (newspaper clips)
- Folder 28 History of Museum: selected items (pamphlets)
- Folder 29 History of Museum: selected items (newspaper clips)
- Folder 30 Exhibitions: selected years, 1954-1965
- Folder 31 Exhibitions: selected years, 1949-1958
- Folder 32 Acquisitions: selected years
- Folder 33 Acquisitions: selected years (newspaper clips)
- Folder 34 Miscellaneous items
- Folder 35 Exhibition Guidebooks & Programs: selected years
- Folder 36 Exhibition Guidebooks & Programs: selected years
- Folder 37 Programs: "The Stage Club", 1928 (3 items)
- Folder 38 Programs: "Pops in Peristyle" concert series, 1966-1969 (5 items)
- Folder 39 Programs: "Gallery Concert Series" (10 items)
- Folder 40 Programs: Peristyle Concert Series – 35th Anniversary (14 items)
- Folder 41 Programs: Peristyle Series, 1969-1974, 1993 (16 items)
- Folder 42 "The English Duo", n.d. (2 copies)
- Folder 43 "Friends of Toledo Music", 1943-1946 (13 items)
- Folder 44 "Friends of Toledo Music", 1946-1949 (17 items)
- Folder 45 "Friends of Toledo Music", miscellaneous, n.d. (6 items)
- Folder 46 "TMA Concert" Programs, miscellaneous, n.d. (19 items)
- Folder 47 Programs: Toledo Orchestra, 1954-1955 (6 items)
- Folder 48 Toledo Orchestra, 1953-1954 (6 items)
- Folder 49 Toledo Orchestra, 1952-1953 (10 items)

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- Folder 50 Toledo Orchestra, 1951-1952 and report on T.O. by "Friends" (9 items)
- Folder 51 Toledo Orchestra, 1950-1951 (8 items)
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- Folder 53 Programs – Toledo Opera Association: selected years (13 items)
- Folder 54 Junior Concerts by Toledo Orchestra, 1949-1955 (41 items)
- Folder 55 Miscellaneous music programs: selected years (29 items)
- Folder 56 "Jazz at Peristyle": selected years (5 items)
- Folder 57 Gallery or Exhibition Programs: selected years (5 items)
- Folder 58 Program, "An American Pageant of the arts," 1962
- Folder 59 "Monday Musicale", Scholarship program, n.d.
- Folder 60 "Toledo Spain" reception programs, 1934 (2 copies)
- Folder 61 Miscellaneous Concert newspaper clips (6 items)
- Folder 62 Toledo Area Artists' Programs, 1953, 1959 (2 items)
- Folder 63 Peristyle Concert Series: selected years, 1940-1968 (14 items)
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- Folder 1 Peristyle Concert Series, 1969 (4 items)
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- Folder 8 TMA Concert Program, 1962 (7 items)
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- Folder 11 TMA Concert Program, 1959 (6 items)
- Folder 12 TMA Concert Program, 1958 (9 items)
- Folder 13 TMA Concert Program, 1957 (11 items)
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- Folder 40 TMA Concert Program, (1 item)
- Folder 41 Impressionism publicity kit, 1989-1990
- Folder 42 "Appreciation of the Graphic Arts", Lectures by Elizabeth Jane Merrill, 1929-1930, Lectures 1-15
- Folder 43 "Appreciation of the Graphic Arts", Lectures by Elizabeth Jane Merrill, 1929-1930, Lectures 16-28
- Folder 44 Centennial, 2001 (2 items)
- Folder 45 Brochures, 2000-2003 (7 items)
- Folder 46 Newsletters, 1996-2000 (19 items)
- Folder 47 "Music on the Easel: pupils listen and then paint" *Bravo!* v. 2, #2, ca. 1963
- Folder 48 Catalog, Masterpieces from the Berlin Museums, 1948-1949; A Complete Guide to the Berlin Masterpieces, 1948
- Folder 49 Catalog, Vincent Van Gogh, 1954
- Folder 50 Catalog, Dutch Painting: The Golden Age, 1954-1955
- Folder 51 Program, "Flashback and Flash Forward: The Helen Beach Jones Memorial Concert," Peristyle, May 8, 2015
- Folder 52 Handbook, "American Glass," Introduction by Otto Wittmann, director, n.d.
- Folder 53 Article, "Great Glass," by John Peter. *Look*, September 8, 1970, 22-25