WALKER, GEORGE.
George Walker papers

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
George Theophilus Walker (1922-), African American composer and winner of the first Pulitzer Prize in Music by an African American.

Scope and Content Note
The collection contains the personal papers of George Walker. The papers include printed and original manuscript scores, photographs, correspondence, clippings, programs, posters concerning performances of his works, plaques and awards, subject files concerning his Pulitzer Prize, a painted portrait, and audio-visual material.

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Music (scores, reductions, sheet music, etc.)
OP1  A Babe is Born (1975)
OP2  A Red, Red Rose (no date)
OP3  Abu (2003)
OP4  Address for Orchestra (1959; rev. 1991)
OP5  An Eastman Overture (1983)
OP6  And Wilt Thou Leave Me Thus (2002)
OP7  Antiponys (1968)
OP8  Bauble (1979)
-    -    Bell Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
-    -    Bequest [See Emily Dickinson Songs and Five Songs]
OP9  Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (no date)
OP10  Cantata (1982)
OP11  Canvas (2000)
OP12  Cello Concerto (1982)
OP13  Cello Sonata (1957) [variant title: Sonata for Cello and Piano]
-    -    Chorale & Fughetta Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
-    -    Chorale: Jesus, wir sind hier [See Music for Brass]
OP14  Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (1974)
OP15  Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra (1957)
-    -    Concerto for Violin and Orchestra [See Poeme]
-    -    Dance [See Music for Brass]
OP16  Dialogus (1976)
-    -    Elevation [See Three Pieces for Organ]
OP17  Emily Dickinson Songs (1986) [includes I. Wild Nights; II. What if I say I Shall Not Wait; III. I Have no Life but This; IV. Bequest]
OP18  Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit (no date)
-    -    Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
OP19  Five Fancies (1975)
OP20  Five Songs (no date) [includes I. Wild Nights; II. What if I say I Shall Not Want; III. I Have no Life but This; IV. Bequest; V. Nocturne [See also Emily Dickinson Songs and Softly, Blow Lightly]]
OP21  Folksongs for Orchestra (1990)
OP22  Give Thanks Unto the Lord (no date) [variant title: Hymn III]
OP23  Gloria in Memoriam (1963)
OP24  Guido's Hand (1986)
OP25  Hey Nonny No [See also Nine Songs]
OP26  Hoopla (2005)
OP27  I Got a Letter from Jesus (no date)
-    -    I Have No Life but This [See Emily Dickinson Songs and Five Songs]
-    -    I Never Saw a Moor [See Three Songs]
- - I Went to Heaven [See Nine Songs]
OP28 Icarus in Orbit (2003)
- - Improvisation [See Two Pieces for Organ]
- - In Time of Silver Rain [See Three Songs]
- - Invokation [See Music for Brass]
- - Invokation [See Three Pieces for Organ]
- - Juxtaposition [See Tangents]
- - Lament [See Nine Songs]
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OP29 Lilacs (1995)
OP30 Lyric for Strings (1946; rev. 1990) [See also String Quartet No. 1]
OP31 Mary Wore Three Links of Chain (no date)
OP32 Mass (1977)
- - Meditation: Jesu, wir sind hier [See Three Pieces for Organ]
- - Mother Goose [See Three Songs]
OP33 Modus (1998)
OP34 Music for Brass (1975) [includes I. Invokation; II. Dance; III. Chorale: Jesus, wir sind hier; IV. Dance] (1975)
OP35 Music for Diverse Instruments (no date)
OP38 Nine Songs (rev. 1991) [includes I. Response; II. So We'll Go No More A-Roving; III. Hey Nonny No; IV. The Bereaved Mind; V. I Went to Heaven: IV. Sweet, Let Me Go; VII. With Rue My Heart is Laden; VIII. Lament; IX. Leaving]
- - Nocturne (1983) [See Five Songs and Softly, Blow Lightly]
OP39 O Lord God of Hosts: Psalm 83 (no date)
OP40 O Praise the Lord: Psalm 148 (no date)
- - O Western Wind [See Three Lyrics for Chorus]
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OP46 Poeme (1991) [variant title: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra]
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- - Prayer [See Two Pieces for Organ]
OP48 Prelude (1945) and Caprice [variant title: Danse Exotique] (1940)
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- - Response [See Nine Songs]
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- - So We'll Go No More A-Roving [See Nine Songs]
OP55 Softly, Blow Lightly [variant title: Nocturne] [See also: Five Songs]
- - Sonata for Two Pianos (1956) [See Sonata No. 2]
- - Sonata for Viola and Piano [See Viola Sonata]
OP56 Sonata No. 1 (1954; rev. 1991) [variant title: Piano Sonata I]
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OP70 Three Pieces for Organ (1981) [includes I. Elevation; II. Meditation: Jesu, sird heir; III. Invokation]
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22 Magazines, journals
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