

# Jean Crittall Collection

1928-1978

26 cm of textual records

## *Biographical Sketch*

Jean Crittall, collector, researcher and promoter of local theatre and arts, and Gisela Depkat, cellist, b. in Koenigsberg, Germany in Sept. 1942 and came to Thunder Bay in 1954. Depkat studied in Germany (Hamburg) and the U.S.A. (Oberlin College, Ohio). She won first prize in the 1964 International Music Competition in Geneva.

## *Scope and Content*

The Jean Crittall collection contains material produced and collected by Ms. Crittall. It is composed of four series and relate generally to music and the performing arts at the Lakehead. The records also pertain directly to the career of Gisela Depkat, cellist, and to the Port Arthur Woman's Club.

### **Series A 12/1/1 - Correspondence - 79 fol. - 1960-1968**

The correspondence of Mrs. Jean Crittall primarily concerning Gisela Depkat, cellist. Most letters are from Depkat to Crittall. Arrangement is chronological. The subject is Miss Depkat's career in music. Undated letter and envelopes are also included along with a biographical sketch of Miss Depkat.

### **Series A 12/2/1-24 - Programmes - 256 items - 1928-1978**

24 Files containing programmes of various local groups and performances. Some also have clippings attached to them relating to the performance given:

- 1) Thunder Bay Canadian Concert Assoc., 1937-1940, The Lakehead Music Soc., 1964, and Thunder Bay Arts Complex brochure - (13 items)
- 2) Lakehead Symphony Orchestra, National Arts Centre Orchestra, Ladies Auxiliary to the Lakehead Music Soc., and the Thunder Bay Concert Orchestra, 1960-1971 - 24 items
- 3) Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra "Music Thunder Bay" series, 1972-1974 - (11 items)
- 4) Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, 1974-1976 - (13 items)
- 5) Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, 1976-1978 - (8 items)
- 6) Canadian Opera Co. Lakehead musical productions, Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, Thunder Bay youth Choir, Cambrian Players, Lakehead Music Festival, Overture Concert Assoc., 1959-1977 - (35 items)
- 7) Lydian Ladies' Choir, Port Arthur Women's Choir, St. Paul's United Church recitals (8 items)
- 8) Port Arthur Women's Choir, 1928-1929 - (14 items)
- 9) Magnus Theatre North-West, 1970s - (12 items)
- 10) Moonlight Melodrama, 1972-1973, Port Arthur Community Players 1960, The Cambrian Players, 1967-1968 - (21 items)
- 11) Thunder Bay Youth Choir, 1970s (4 items)
- 12) Moonlight Melodrama 1979, The Overture Concert Assoc. 1961-1962, Lakehead Symphony 1968-69, Thunder Bay Symphony Assoc. newsletter 1976-1978 - (19 items)
- 13) Lakehead Choral Group 1962-1978 - (12 items)
- 14) Choral groups 1950s-1970s - (10 items)
- 15) Fort William Male Choir, Lakehead Ukrainian Male Choir, Otava Male Choir, 1962-1977 - (14 items)

16-24) Kinsmen Club of Fort William 1948-1956 - (38 items)

**Series A 12/3/1-5** - Sheet music - 60 items - 1929-1932

Sheet music of the Port Arthur Women's Choir contained in five files.

**Series A 12/4/1:** Clippings - 1 envelope - [1960-1980]

Clippings relating to the career of Gisela Depkat, cellist, including programmes of three recitals and eleven newspaper articles.

*Additional Information*

*Custodial History* - Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 978.88.1-13

*Associated Material* - see photo collection 978.88.1