

Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra (BJSO), 1964-1986

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FOUNDER HISTORY

Lewis Dalvit founded the Beloit Civic Symphony in 1953. It began as a volunteer community orchestra in 1953 at Beloit College.

LOCAL HISTORY

In 1971, it became the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra, performing concerts regularly in the two Rock County communities. The founder was succeeded by composer and Beloit College professor Crawford Gates, who served as music director from 1963 until 1999 when Robert Tomaro assumed the post of music director and conductor. Tomaro is a jazz guitarist and the Shogren Family Conductor and Professor of music at Beloit College. In addition to its series of classical and pops concerts, each year it performs Independence Day concerts in Janesville and Beloit free of charge. It has grown into a respected regional orchestra in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois attracting players from these regions.

Scope of Collection

This is a small collection that fills in some of the missing items found in the Accession number 2020.47.1 BJSO collection. These are earlier items covering the years 1964-1986. Included in this collection are meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters, concerts, seasonal concert series, and copies of newspaper articles.

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- 6 BJSO Concert Programs, 1956-1996
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- 7 Programs, Beloit Civic Symphony, Seasonal Concert Series, 1956-1980
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