

## **Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra (BJSO), 1971 - 2015**

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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**

The collection covers the years from 1971 to 2015 and includes yearbook scrapbooks for the BJSO, Guild of Beloit, Friends of the Symphony, and profile material for conductor Crawford Gates. In addition, board meeting minutes, annual meetings, annual reports, by-laws, agendas, promotional materials (classical, pops and youth concerts), newsletters, concert programs, and house walk materials. Related materials to this collection include print photographs.

## Container List

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE
Box 1	1		Board Meetings, budgets, members
Box 1	2		President's Correspondence
Box 1	3		Membership Lists
Box 1	4		Summer Concerts, Contracts, RR / Budget
Box 1	5		Board Announcements
Box 1	6		Board Correspondence
Box 1	7		Artist Rosters
Box 1	8		Artists
Box 1	9		Cards, Thank You
Box 1	10		Student Concerts
Box 1	11	1989	Correspondence, Crawford Gates
Box 1	12	1990	Correspondence, Crawford Gates
Box 1	13	1991	Correspondence, Crawford Gates
Box 1	14	1999	Crawford Gates Final Report
Box 1	15		Crawford Gates, Promotional Material
Box 1	16		Mission Statement, By-Laws
Box 1	17		Music Director's Reports
Box 1	18		Committees
Box 1	19		Board Meeting Minutes
Box 1	20		Guild By-Laws, Financial Reports
Box 1	21		Minutes/ Annual Meeting
Box 1	22		Guild meeting minutes, Annual Meeting Minutes
Box 1	23		Guild Board Financials, Membership
Box 1	24		Education Committee
Box 1	25		Youth Orchestra
Box 1	26		Promotional Materials
Box 1	27	1994	Guild Garden Tea Party
Box 1	28	1990	Promotional Materials-Guild
Box 1	29		Guild Directories
Box 1	30		Music Director, Crawford Gates
Box 1	31		Friends, Executive Board
Box 1	32		Friends Newsletter
Box 1	33		Friends Promotional Material
Box 1	34		Promotional Materials
Box 1	35	1990	Guild Newsletters
Box 1	36		Newsletters 'Between the Lines'

Box 1	37		Newsletter 'BJSO'
Box 1	38		Newsletter 'BJ Youth SO'
Box 1	39	1999	Newsletters 'Notable News'
Box 1	40		Newsletter 'Notes & News'
Box 1	41		Newsletters 'Noteworthy News'
Box 1	42		Newsletters 'Symphony News'
Box 1	43		Newsletter 'Symphony Sounding Board'
Box 1	44		Newsletter 'Upbeat'
Box 1	45		Artist Resumes
Box 1	46	1960	Newspaper Article- Mrs. Ronald Dougan, President
Box 1	47	1962	Program- Young Peoples Concert
Box 1	48	1963	Program, Youth Ballet of Rockford
Box 1	49	1979	Program, Performing Arts Series
Box 1	50	1980	Program, Family Fun Concerts
Box 1	51	1982	Report, Family Fun Concerts
Box 1	52	1983	Programs- 30 years of music
Box 1	53	1984	Programs - Public School Concerts
Box 1	54	1985	Programs- On Tour Concerts
Box 1	55		Programs- Concert Season
Box 1	56		Programs-Concert Series
Box 1	57		Programs-Concert Series
Box 1	58		Programs
Box 1	59		Concert Programs
Box 1	60		Programs, Beloit Civic Symphony
Box 1	61		Programs, Seasonal Concert Series
Box 1	62		'Beloit Civic Symphony' Correspondence
Box 1	63		Holiday Walk Meeting
Box 1	64	1989	Newspaper Articles
Box 1	65		Programs
Box 2	1		Programs
Box 2	2		Programs
Box 2	3		Programs
Box 2	4		Programs
Box 2	4		Programs
Box 2	5		Programs
Box 2	6		Programs
Box 2	7		Programs
Box 2	8		Programs
Box 2	9		Programs
Box 3	1		Three ring binder, blue "BJSO Librarian"

Box 4	1	1997	Red binder - ' Guild '02 '
Box 4	2		Beloit Symphony Guild -White Binder
Box 5	1	1997	House Walk-1997 (Blue)
Box 5	2	2004	House Walk-2004 (Green)
Box 5	3	2006	House Walk-2006 (Black)
Box 5	4		House Walk-2008/2010 (Red)
Box 6	1		Black Binder-Newsclippings and programs
Box 6	2		Scrapbook- light blue
Box 7	1		White Binder- Friends of BJSO
Box 7	2		Scrapbook- Black soft cover
Box 7	3		Oversized Posters