

DAVID DIAMOND–BERNARD ROGERS
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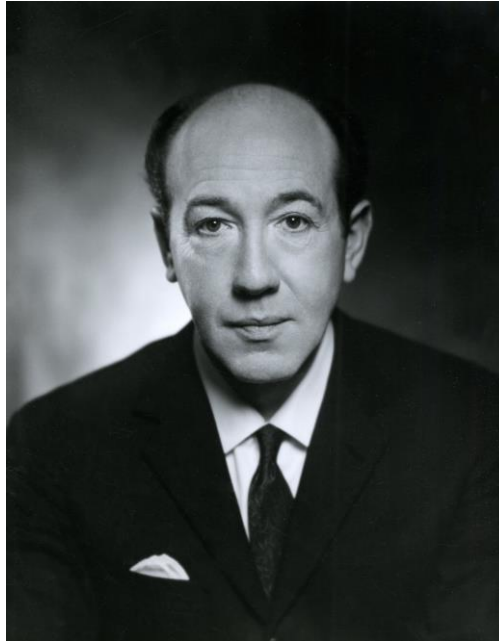
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DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

Shelf location: M1B 4, 1

Physical extent: 1 linear foot

Biographical Sketch



David Diamond (1966). Photograph attributed to Pach Bros. From ESPA 36-16 (8x10).

The composer David Diamond was born in Rochester, New York on July 9, 1915. He began playing the violin at the age of seven and would often experiment with his own compositions. He did not receive formal musical training, however, until 1927, after his family moved to Cleveland, OH; there, his talent came to the attention of Andre di Ribaupierre, who arranged for the young violinist to study with him at the Cleveland Institute of Music (1928–29). After the Diamond family returned to Rochester, Diamond studied composition with Bernard Rogers at the Eastman School of Music (1930–34) and, thereafter, with Roger Sessions at the New Music School in New York, NY. In 1936, Diamond traveled to Paris, where he studied with Nadia Boulanger. Throughout the 1940s, Diamond's income was derived primarily from composition, facilitated by numerous grants and awards, including multiple Guggenheim Fellowships (1938, 1941, 1958), the Prix du Rome (1942), a National Academy of Arts and Letters grant (1944), and a commission from the Koussevitzky Foundation (1945, for his Symphony No. 4).

From 1951–52, Diamond served as the Fulbright Professor at the University of Rome, after which he settled in Florence for the next decade. He returned to the US temporarily in 1961 and 1963 to teach at SUNY Buffalo as Snee Visiting Professor in Music and then, in 1965, more

permanently. He taught at the Manhattan School of Music in the mid-1960s and subsequently at the University of Colorado at Boulder (1970) and the American Academy in Rome (1971–72) before securing an appointment as professor of composition at the Juilliard School of Music in 1973; he remained at Juilliard until his retirement in 1986.

Diamond has been regarded as one preeminent American composers of his generation, as evidenced by his receipt of some of the most significant honors in composition, including the William Schuman Lifetime Achievement Award (1986), the Gold Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters (1991), the Edward MacDowell Medal (1991), and the American National Medal of the Arts (1995).

Diamond died on June 13, 2005, in Rochester, NY, at the age of 89.

Provenance

This correspondence is presumed to have been the gift of David Diamond, though no records pertaining to its provenance have been preserved in the department.

Scope and Content

The collection contains letters from Bernard Rogers to David Diamond, dating from immediately after Diamond left the Eastman School until the time of Rogers's death.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions to access to this collection.

Associations

The Bernard Rogers Collection is the collection most closely related to the Diamond Correspondence, the former comprised of Rogers's manuscripts and professional papers.

Additionally, RTWSC holds other collections that contain some, albeit more limited, correspondence between Eastman composition faculty and their students. The Samuel Adler Collection (1999–2018 gifts) contains a substantial sequence of correspondence, including various letters to or from some his students. The Gardner Read Collection also contains some correspondence between Read and Howard Hanson, his composition teacher at Eastman.

An archive of David Diamond's manuscripts and professional papers is held at the Library of Congress.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Series 1 Correspondence

The series comprises letters, postcards, notes, and aerograms received by Diamond from his teacher, Bernard Rogers. Items are ordered chronologically.

Tuesday Oct 21
'36

Dear David - For 2 weeks I have been
unable to sleep I hope to go to
Atlantic City for a week to pick up.

The Symphony is done, & the first
movement almost copied. Copying is a
long task. I am pleased with the
whole result, but have tired myself
a lot. I wish I could hear your
piece. I want to hear what you think.
You must come out soon. Write when

you return. Return my regards to your
family with thanks. Bargin included
the terrible King Estimation of Severity
on his program yesterday. I did not
hear it. God forbid! Busy is fine.
My mind is feeble. I hope to see you
soon. Best - Bernard

Letter from Bernard Rogers to David Diamond; dated October 21, 1936.
From David Diamond Correspondence, Box 1, Folder 41.

INVENTORY

Series 1: Correspondence

Box 1

- folder 1 22 October 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 2 26 October 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; 2 sides of 1/2 letter size.
- folder 3 8 November 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 4 16 November 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; 4 pages of 1/2 letter size.
- folder 5 24 November 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 6 15 December 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 7 26 December 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; note card.
- folder 8 28 December 1934. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; note card. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 9 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Two items: one handwritten note card; one typed letter.
- folder 10 21 January 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; note card, two pages.
- folder 11 5 February 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Typed; one page.
- folder 12 6 February 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 13 6 March 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.
- folder 14 12 March 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.
- folder 15 21 April 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 16 3 June 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Typed; one page.
- folder 17 4 June 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Typed; postcard.
- folder 18 20 July 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

- folder 19 3 September 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 20 30 November 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 21 December 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two postcards.
- folder 22 16 December 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 23 22 August 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 24 10 and 18 December 1935. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two postcards.
- folder 25 10 January 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 26 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 27 21 January 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 28 18 February 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 29 Undated fragment. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 30 4 March 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 31 1 April 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 32 11 April 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 33 22 May 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 34 3 July 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages. Has sustained fire damage.
- folder 35 26 August 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.
- folder 36 Undated items (2). Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one and two pages, respectively.
- folder 37 22 September 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 38 7 October 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 39 2 October 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 40 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 41 21 October 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 42 11 November 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 43 1 December 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 44 18 December 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 45 21 December 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 46 30 December 1936. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 47 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 48 16 January 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 49 22 March 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 50 14 April 1937. Rogers to David Diamond. Typed; one page.

folder 51 1 May 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 52 30 August 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 53 18 September 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 54 30 September 1937. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 55 14 January 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 56 2 February 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 57 9 March 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard. Has sustained fire damage.

folder 58 14 March 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 59 13 April 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 60 27 June 1938. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 61 5 October. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 62 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 63 13 March 1939. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 64 25 April 1939. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 65 8 June 1939. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 66 5 August. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 67 December 1939. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; four note cards.

folder 68 13 March 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 69 30 March 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 70 18 May 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 71 3 September 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 72 10 December 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 73 27 February 1940. Rogers to Diamond. Two pages.

folder 74 27 January 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 75 24 February 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 76 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Two letters; handwrittten; one page each.

folder 77 10 March 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 78 22 March 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 79 31 March 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 80 14 April 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 81 31 March 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 82 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Two items; handwritten; two pages both sides and one page one side, respectively.

folder 83 1 December 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 84 22 December 1941. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 85 7 February 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 86 Undated, ca. 1941-42. Rogers to Diamond. Two note cards; handwritten.

folder 87 15 March 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 88 23 March 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 89 3 July 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 90 7 August 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 91 5 October 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 92 9 December 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 93 19 December 1942. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 94 Undated, ca. 1942-43. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 95 Undated, ca. 1943-45. Rogers to Diamond. 16 letters, all handwritten.

folder 96 8 February 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 97 8 April 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..

folder 98 30 July 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 99 10 September 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 100 27 September 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 101 7 October 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 102 12 October 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 103 Undated, ca. 1943-44. Rogers to Diamond. Two items, both handwritten.

folder 104 20 October 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 105 6 November 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 106 15 November 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 107 29 November 1943. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

- folder 108 Undated, ca 1943/44. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 109 12 January 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 110 31 January 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 111 14 February 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.
- folder 112 16 February 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 113 21 February 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.
- folder 114 8 May 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Two postcards, both handwritten.
- folder 115 25 May 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 116 19 January 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard..
- folder 117 4 September 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; card, both sides.
- folder 118 15 October 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 119 23 October 1944. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 120 21 February 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 121 26 June 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 122 15 May 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 123 16 July 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

Box 2

- folder 1 13 September 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 2 23 October 1945. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 3 26 February 1946. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.
- folder 4 August - October 1946. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three postcards.
- folder 5 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 6 16 January 1947. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 7 22 January 1947. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 8 5 January 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.

folder 9 10 January 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 10 6 February 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 11 12 February 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.

folder 12 16 April. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 13 18 May 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 14 16 October 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 15 October 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 16 12 November 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 17 31 December 1948. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 18 Undated. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 19 26 February 1949 Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 20 13 December 1949. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; postcard.

folder 21 4 December 1958. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.

folder 22 20 December 1958. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 23 21 December 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 24 7 February 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 25 16 February 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.

folder 26 16 March 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 27 23 May 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.

folder 28 16 June 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 29 2 August 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 30 10 August 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 31 26 October 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 32 8 December 1959. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 33 2 April 1960. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 34 30 November 1960. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 35 30 October. 1961. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 36 17 January 1962. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 37 3 March 1962. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 38 23 May 1962. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 39 9 July 1962. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 40 18 December 1962. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 41 Undated, 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.

folder 42 21 April 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 43 2 June 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 44 9 June 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 45 30 June 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 46 28 July 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 47 September 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two postcards.

folder 48 13 November 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page both sides.

folder 49 20 November 1963. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.

folder 50 23 June 1964. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 51 9 August 1964. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

folder 52 13 November 1964. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.

- folder 53 15 January 1965. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; aerogram.
- folder 54 12 December 1965. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.
- folder 55 30 December 1965. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; two pages.
- folder 56 Undated, ca 1965-67. Rogers to Diamond. Two items, handwritten; one and two pages, respectively.
- folder 57 15 March 1966. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 58 3 April 1966. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.
- folder 59 5 April 1967. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; three pages.
- folder 60 25 May 1967. Rogers to Diamond. Handwritten; one page.
- folder 61 Items from Betty Rogers to Diamond, 1968. Includes a list of Rogers' works and two handwritten note cards.