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Guide to MS-295 Gettysburg College Choir 1967 World Tour



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## MS-295 Gettysburg College Choir 1967 World Tour

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### Size

3 boxes, 1 cubic foot

### Location

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### Dates

Inclusive: 1966-2018

Bulk: 1967-68

### Provenance

This collection is has been gifted in separate accessions to Gettysburg College from from David Fischer '69, John H. Winter-Hallaman '68, Kathleen Dunkerley '69, and Amy Wunder Stabenow '69.

### Historical Note

The Gettysburg College Choir, founded in 1935, is an advanced vocal ensemble now in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music. For almost a century, the choir has gone on countless tours, both international and domestic, that have shared the talent and musicianship of the students at the College. Its first director was Parker B. Wagnild, who lead the Choir from 1935-1976. In 1967, the Gettysburg College Choir (GCC) took on the feat of a 47 day "Around the World" tour, running from June 5<sup>th</sup>-July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1967. The GCC had originally planned to travel to Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, India, Egypt, Jerusalem (in the country of Jordan, at the time), Lebanon, Syria, Greece, Italy, Austria, and England. Due to the Six-Day War in early June, 1967, the GCC had to revise their itinerary around the Middle East. Their new schedule took them to Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey rather than Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. The GCC performed at least once in almost every country, while also participating in typical tourist activities to see and learn new cultures.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains array of documentation and souvenirs from the Gettysburg College Choir's 1967 World Tour that have been donated from alumni that were on the trip: David Fischer '69, John H. Winter-Hallaman '68, Kathleen Dunkerley '69, and Amy Wunder Stabenow '69. The trip spanned 47 days and 15 countries, all of which are represented in the collection. There are numerous itineraries that describe their trip both before and after revisions were added to work around the Six-Day War in 1967. Air schedules accompany these itineraries, with correspondence from the tour company, Choirs Overseas. There are programs from quite a few of the performances, with the most volume from their Japan stop on the trip. The collection contains photographs of the choir, along with clippings from articles about their journey and how they fundraised for the large excursion. There is documentation

that lists the names of everyone that was on the trip. Notable documents include a travel journal from Kathleen Dunkerley '69, detailing the whole trip, with a post-travel reflection, a letter from former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as well as the former Governor of Pennsylvania, Raymond P. Shafer, commending the choir for their musical endeavors, and a personal greeting card from friends meant overseas for John H. Winter-Hallaman, '68. Also included are a booklet of Disneyland tickets, a large quantity of postcards, airline tags, and pamphlets, and specific documentation such as packing lists. Finally, a collection of objects, containing coins from Austria, Greece, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, and Japan, accompanied by pins and other trinkets, from David Fischer '69.

## Subjects

Gettysburg College Choir

Travel

## Series Description

This collection is organized into 4 Series by donor.

## Box list

Series I David Fischer '69

### Box 1:

1-0	Finding Aid and Research Materials
1-1	Fischer-Correspondence
1-2	Fischer-Miscellaneous
1-3	Fischer-Japan
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1-5	Fischer- Hong Kong
1-6	Fischer-Singapore
1-7	Fischer-Thailand
1-8	Fischer-India
1-9	Fischer-Pakistan
1-10	Fischer-Iran
1-11	Fischer- Greece
1-12	Fischer-Italy
1-13	Fischer-Austria
1-14	Fischer-UK
1-15	Fischer-Hotel and Airline Tags
1-16	Fischer-Newspapers

## Box 2

2-1	Fischer-Postcards
2-2	Fischer-Japan Objects
2-3	Fischer-Coins 1
2-4	Fischer-Coins 2
2-5	Fischer-Pins
2-6	Fischer-Japanese Matchboxes

## Box 3

### Series II

3-1	Kathleen Dunkerley '69
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### Series III

3-2	John H. Winter-Hallaman '68
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### Series IV

3-3	Amy Wunder Stabenow '69
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## Related Collections

SPOV-015 College Choir Scrapbook

SPOV-020 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary College Choir

SPOV-021 Gettysburg College Choir, European Tour 1972-1974

Dexter Weikel Papers (unprocessed)

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