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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	MacDowell, Edward, 1860-1908
Creator:	Rowland, Orlando
Title:	Edward MacDowell Papers
ID:	4079063
ID:	MA#0819
Date [inclusive]:	1876-1964
Physical Description:	3 Linear Feet 7 boxes 1 flat folder
Language of the Material:	English .

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Biographical / Historical

American composer, musician. Edward Alexander MacDowell was professor of music at Columbia University.

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Summary

Letters and manuscripts of MacDowell. One group was written to Arthur P. Schmidt, his publisher during MacDowell's years as professor of music at Columbia University. These letters concern the publication and distribution of his compositions and his copyright difficulties with other firms, especially Brietkopf & Härtel. There are eight letters from MacDowell to the American pianist, composer, and pedagogue William Mason. This personal correspondence deals with such things as musical pieces dedicated by each man to the other. A diary and letter book belonging to Marian N. MacDowell (Mrs. Edward) contains draft copies of letters to Nicholas M. Butler and others relating to his controversial career at Columbia University. Also, photocopies of eight letters from the Mary Flagler Cary Music Collection at the Morgan

Library. Among the numerous musical scores and sketches are his INDIAN SUITE and the SONATA TRAGICA. Also, two original drawings of MacDowell by Orlando Rowland; and correspondence, manuscripts, catalogs, and other materials relating to the MacDowell Exhibition at Columbia University in 1938.

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Reproduction Note

Type of reproduction--Photocopies in part

Location of Originals Note

Holder of originals: Originals of the MacDowell letters are in--Mary Flagler Cary Music Collection at the Morgan Library.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Mason, Daniel G. et al. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1937. Accession number--M-37.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is located on-site.

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This collection has no restrictions.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Music publishing
- Pianists
- Composition (Music)
- Copyright -- Music
- Diaries
- Scores (documents for music)
- Drawings (visual works)
- College teachers
- Composers
- Musicians
- Schmidt, Arthur
- Mason, William, 1829-1908
- MacDowell, Marian, 1857-1956
- Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947
- Columbia University -- : Faculty
- Breitkopf & Härtel

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence & Manuscripts	
Title/Description	Instances
Copland, Aaron	box 1
Low, Seth	box 1
MacDowell, Edward Alexander	box 1
MacDowell, Marian Nevins (Mrs Edward A.)	box 1

Mason, William	box 1
Rowland, Orlando (Two drawings in the vault)	box 1
Wilder, Thornton	box 1
Miscellaneous	box 1
Music scores (cataloged & uncataloged) (Der Fichtenbaum, Lieber Schatz, Indian Suite, and Sonata Tragique are all in vault)	box 2

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Series II: Photographs & printed materials

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs & printed materials	box 3

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Series III: MacDowell Exhibition, 1938

Title/Description	Instances
Bas-relief & portrait	box 4
Correspondence: A -Z	box 4
Invitations: Correspondence: A -G (letters of acceptance or regret)	box 4
MacDowell Exhibition, 1938:	
Invitations: Correspondence: H-V (letters of acceptance or regret)	box 5
Invitations: Correspondence: WZ (letters of acceptance or regret)	box 6
Invitations: Mailing lists	box 6
List of owners	box 6
Miscellaneous	box 6
1961 Exhibition	box 6
Notebooks - catalogs & records	box 6
Printed materials	box 6
Speeches & articles	box 6
Thematic index data	box 6
Visitor list	box 6

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Series IV: Oversize

Title/Description	Instances
Oversize folder: Music score (Air de Danse in vault)	
Music scores (gift of Jack Beeson)	
3-Handled Presentation Cup (silver cup made by Tiffanys)	
Scope and Contents	
Gift from MacDowells classes May 14, 1904 (in vault on shelf)	

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Series V: Drawings and Scores

Title/Description	Instances
Rowland, Orlando (two drawings)	box 7
Misc. music scores	box 7
Scope and Contents	
(removed from Box 2)	

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Series VI: Additions to the Collection

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter from Mabel E. Chandless to Jean Ashton, 6 May 2010	box 1	folder 1
Post card of MacDowell's Log Cabin, Peterborough, NH	box 1	folder 1
Letters (1 original and 1 photocopy) from Arnold T. Schwab to Mabel E. Chandless, 29 August 1972 & 3 October 1980	box 1	folder 1
Manuscript essay by John Pierce Langs on the teaching method of Edward MacDowell, 14 November 1908	box 1	folder 1
MacDowell to Gustave Heinrichs, 1898-1901	box 1	folder 2

Scope and Contents

(12 letters)

Two receipts and two letters to Gustave Heinrichs,
1899-1931

box 1

folder 3

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