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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Wilson, Richard, 1941-
Title:	Richard Wilson Papers
Dates:	1965-2018
Quantity:	2 boxes
Abstract:	Correspondence and course materials documenting the personal and professional life of Richard Wilson.

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Biographical Note

Richard Wilson is a pianist and composer. His compositions include symphonies, string quartets, and numerous orchestral, vocal, and chamber works, as well as the opera *Aethelred the Unready* (1992). He has received several honors and awards, including the Hinrichsen Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Since 1992 he has served as Composer-in-Residence with the American Symphony. Wilson joined the Music Department of Vassar College in 1966 and retired 2017.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of personal and professional correspondence documenting Richard Wilson's career from 1965 to 2015. Correspondents include a broad range of prominent composers, conductors, musicians, and other cultural figures, such as Aaron Copeland, Elliott Carter, Yo-Yo Ma, Steve Reich, Virgil Thomson, and Dawn Upshaw. Also included are teaching materials Wilson developed for his regular course in advanced harmony.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Adams, John, 1947-
- Babbitt, Milton, 1916-2011
- Bazelon, Irwin
- Benjamin, George
- Burge, David, 1930-2013
- Burton, Anthony, 1934-
- Carter, Elliott, 1908-2012
- Carter, Helen Jones, 1907-2003
- Copland, Aaron, 1900-1990
- Cox, Ainslee
- Del Tredici, David
- Firkusny, Rudolf, 1912-1994
- Forbes, Elliot
- Foss, Lukas, 1922-2009
- Harbison, John
- Heinsheimer, Hans W., 1900-1993
- Josephs, Wilfred, 1927-1997
- Krenek, Ernst, 1900-1991
- Kupferman, Meyer, 1926-2003
- Ma, Yo-Yo, 1955-
- Maw, Nicholas
- Moevs, Robert, 1920-2007
- Pears, Peter, 1910-1986
- Rands, Bernard
- Rorem, Ned, 1923-
- Sollberger, Harvey
- Sperry, Paul
- Thomson, Virgil, 1896-1989
- Upshaw, Dawn
- Wyner, Yehudi, 1929-

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Faculty

Subjects:

- College teachers--United States
- Composers--United States
- Conductors--United States
- Harmony--Instruction and study
- Pianists--United States

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Richard Wilson Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Richard Wilson (M2017-019, M2018-001, 007).

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Container List

There is no container list currently available for this collection.

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