



The New York Public Library  
Music Division

Guide to the

**Arthur Lange papers**

1907-1956

JPB 91-95

## Summary

**Creator:** Lange, Arthur, 1889-1959

**Title:** Arthur Lange papers

**Date:** 1907-1956

**Size:** ca. 7.5 cubic ft. (11 boxes)

**Source:** Gift, Bowling, Lance

**Abstract:** Known chiefly as an arranger of popular songs and as a composer of music for films, American musician Arthur Lange was also a pianist, a conductor, and a composer of concert works. He wrote the books: *Arranging for the Modern Dance Orchestra*, and *A New and Practical Approach to Harmony*. Film scores, music manuscripts, published music, unpublished arrangements for films, sheet music from *Tin Pan Alley*, photographs, autobiographical material, clippings, and scrapbooks. Most of the musical scores are contained in bound volumes entitled "Alpha to Omega". Some of the film scores were composed in collaboration with other composers, chiefly Charles Maxwell. 8 photographs of Arthur Lange may be found in the Music Division's Iconography collection, and 2 photographs of the Arthur Lange Orchestra may be found in the Music Division's Rare Photograph file: PhE 543 and PhE 544. Scrapbooks have been microfilmed. Phonograph records have been separated from the collection and transferred to the Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound.

**Access:** Some collections held by the Dance, Music, Recorded Sound, and Theatre Divisions at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts are held off-site and must be requested in advance. Please check the collection records in **the NYPL's online catalog** for detailed location information. For general guidance about requesting offsite materials, please consult:  
<https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials>

**Alternative Form Available:** Scrapbooks available on microfilm: \*ZB-2325

**Preferred citation:** Arthur Lange Collection

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Film scores, music manuscripts, published music, unpublished arrangements for films, sheet music from Tin Pan Alley, photographs, autobiographical material, clippings, and scrapbooks. Most of the musical scores are contained in bound volumes entitled "Alpha to Omega". Some of the film scores were composed in collaboration with other composers, chiefly Charles Maxwell. 8 photographs of Arthur Lange may be found in the Music Division's Iconography collection, and 2 photographs of the Arthur Lange Orchestra may be found in the Music Division's Rare Photograph file: PhE 543 and PhE 544. Scrapbooks have been microfilmed. Phonograph records have been separated from the collection and transferred to the Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound.

## **Key Terms**

### **Titles**

Alpha to Omega  
Arthur Lange collection

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Autobiographies (literary works)  
Clippings  
Musical scores  
Photoprints  
Portraits  
Scrapbooks

### **Occupations**

Composers  
Conductors (Music)

### **Subjects**

Instrumentation and orchestration  
Motion picture music -- Scores

### **Names**

Lange, Arthur, 1889-1959  
Maxwell, Charles, 1892-1962  
American Music Collection