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Abstract

Professor Emeritus of Music at Hope College. Aschbrenner earned his Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Illinois in 1959 and his Master of Music at Yale University in 1963. He then joined the Hope College faculty as a professor of music and chair of the piano area, until retiring in 2008. Throughout his career, Aschbrenner lectured and performed as both a soloist and a collaborative pianist, most notably in partnership with Joan Conway. This collection contains research materials for Aschbrenner’s Centennial History of the Music Department, including notes, photographs, clippings, and drafts of his manuscript. It also contains papers and correspondence regarding the Summer Piano Workshop, the Conway-Aschbrenner Duo, and information on visiting concert musicians at Hope College.

Biography

Charles Aschbrenner was born in 1936. He earned his Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Illinois in 1959 and his Master of Music at Yale University in 1963. He then joined the Hope College faculty as a professor of music and chair of the piano area, until retiring in 2008. Throughout his career, Aschbrenner lectured and performed as both a soloist and a collaborative pianist, most notably in partnership with Joan Conway.

Charles C. Ashbrenner died on September 18, 2016.

Scope and Content

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