

**Morehead State University
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Department or Office: Department of Music, Theatre & Dance

Collection Title: Robert Hawkins Programs and Brochures Collection

Record Group Number: RG005-14-07

Date transferred: February of 2013.

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Date Span: 1968-1980

Size of Collection: 0.5 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 letter size document case.

Type of Material: Programs, brochures and posters.

Condition of Material: Good.

Arrangement: Organized alphabetically by title of file; Chronological arrangement.

Historical Information: Robert Hawkins was born on October 1, 1919 at Sullivan, Indiana. He attended local public schools and received a bachelor's degree in music from Indiana State University in 1941. Upon graduation, he was named Director of the Indiana State Marching Band. During the Second World War, Hawkins served in the United State Navy from 1942 to 1945. In 1947, he received a master's degree in Music from Indiana State and later a doctorate at Columbia University in 1950. He briefly was a music education instructor at the Teachers College at Columbia and the head of the music department and band director at Manhasset Public Schools in Long Island, New York. From 1951 to 1967, he was the director of bands, professor of music and chairman of the music division of Western State University of Colorado. He became the director of bands, conductor of the orchestra, director of wind and percussion instrument programs, director of the Daniel Boone Forest Music Camp, professor of music and musical director of the Cave Run Outdoor Theatre at Morehead State University from the spring of 1967 until his death from a heart attack in 1981. Hawkins was a frequent guest director for the Boston Pops Orchestra and the United States Navy Band. He was elected to the American Bandmasters Association in 1955. Hawkins published three books of arrangements and transcriptions for marching band and orchestra. In 1972, School Musician Magazine named

Hawkins one of the Ten Outstanding Band Directors in the United States and in 1975 he was presented a Citation of Excellence by the National Band Association. In 1980, he was appointed an honorary member of Women Band Directors International and in 1989 he was inducted into the Band Directors Hall of Fame at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. He died on November 28, 1981.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of printed programs and posters of musical events conducted by Robert Hawkins and the Morehead State University Band from 1968 to 1980. Collection includes promotional brochures for summer band clinics directed by Hawkins during the 1970s.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Morehead State University – Department of Music, Theatre & Dance.

Morehead State University. Band.

Band directors -- Kentucky.

Band directors -- United States.

Notes: Collection was located in the archives room and reprocessed in October of 2014.