Welcome to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra’s Archives Portal

The Archives Portal serves as the online counterpart to the Pittsburgh Symphony Archives located at Heinz Hall. Search the online archives for digitized copies of photographs, programs, posters, and audio highlights. The Archives Portal allows visitors to search the Pittsburgh Symphony’s performance history dating back to its start in 1896.

Start by going to the Archives Portal at archive.pittsburghsymphony.org/

Find the Browse section on the right hand side of the homepage. Click on Communities & Collections.
Click on the plus symbol to expand.

Continue clicking on plus symbols to view further options within the collections.
This will show the hierarchy of collections and series within a collection.

Clicking on a collection will open that collection’s homepage.

Type a search term into the bar to search just within that collection and click Go.
Or leave the search bar blank and click Go. This will show all the items in that collection in the search results.
Click on any title to open an item’s page. In the Archives Audio-Visual Performance Recording Collection, clicking on the link(s) listed under view allows visitors to listen to an audio highlight from that performance.

To navigate back to a previous page, click the collection title listed just under the header.
Search results can also be refined using Advanced Filters or the Discover facets on the right side of the page.

When using the Advanced Filters, remember to select the filter category, type the name or search term into the filter search bar, and then click APPLY to begin.

Please check the Archives Portal often as more materials and collections are added to the symphony’s online archives.

Let us know if you have feedback on the portal or the quick start guides.