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Biographical history

Rob McConnell was a trombonist, composer, and arranger. He was born in London, Ontario on February 14, 1935 and died in Toronto, Ontario on May 1, 2010. McConnell grew up in Toronto before moving to Edmonton, Alberta in 1954 to play with Don (DT) Thompson's band. He later performed as a pianist with Alex Lazaroff's Rhythm Rockets; with Gordon Delamont's rehearsal band; and as a trombonist with Bobby Gimby. In 1964, he worked in New York with Maynard Ferguson's big band, before returning to Toronto. In 1968, he formed the Boss Brass, one of Canada's most successful jazz ensembles. In 1997, he reorganized the Boss Brass into the Rob McConnell Tentet, with whom he release three recordings (Rob McConnell Tentet, 2000; Thank You, Ted, 2002; and, Music of the Twenties, 2003).

Rob McConnell fonds

Date range: 1974-2003

Extent: 1.5 m of textual records (16 boxes)

Fonds includes manuscript scores of compositions and arrangements written for Boss Brass recordings. All arrangements are by Rob McConnell. The fonds also includes some original compositions by McConnell. Scores are assigned dates based on the date of recording by Boss Brass, and later by the Rob McConnell Tentet.

File list

Identifier	Title	Composer	Extent	Date
1.1	A portrait of Jenny	Robinson, J. Russel	1 ms. score (26 p.) : pencil	[1975]
1.2	That's right : #112	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (30 p.) : pencil	[1975]
1.3	Body and soul : 115	Green, Johnny, 1908-1989	1 ms. score (30 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.1	No more blues : #63	Jobim, Antonio Carlos	1 ms. score (38 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.2	Keep me in your heart : #113	Colonello, G.	1 ms. score (9 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.3	Fred	Hefti, Neal	1 ms. score (26 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.4	Just friends : #104	Klenner, John, 1899- 1955	1 ms. score (35 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.5	Street of dreams : #125	Young, Victor, 1900- 1956	1 ms. score (32 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.6	Porgy and Bess suite	Gershwin, George, 1898-1937	1 ms. score (46 p.) : pencil	[1977]
2.7	Dirty man : #102	Brookmeyer, Bob, 1929-	1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[1978]

3.1	A time for love : #93	Mandel, Johnny	1 ms. score (19 p.) : pencil	[1978]
3.2	My ship : #89	Weill, Kurt, 1900-1950	1 ms. score (6 p.) : pencil	[1978]
3.3	I hear a rhapsody : #97	Fragos, George	1 ms. score (15 p.) : pencil	[1978]
3.4	Ev'ry time we say good-bye : #139	Porter, Cole, 1891-1964	1 ms. score (9 p.) : pencil	[1978]
4.1	Everything happens to me : #144	Dennis, Matt, 1914-2002	1 ms. score (21 p.) : pencil	[1978]
4.2	Twist of the wrist : Son of 61 : #132	McConnell, Rob	1 ms. score (32 p.) : pencil	[1978]
4.3	You took advantage of me : #143	Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979	1 ms. score (31 p.) : pencil	[1978]
4.4	Start with Mrs Beanhart	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (35 p.) : pencil	[1978]
4.5	Smoke : #142	Kern, Jerome, 1885-1945	1 ms. score (25 p.) : pencil	[1981]
4.6	Wendy : #153	Desmond, Paul, 1924-1977	1 ms. score (18 p.) : pencil	[1984]
5.1	Ana Luisa : #133	Jobim, Antonio Carlos	1 ms. score (14 p.) : pencil	[1985]
6.1	Easy to love : #165	Porter, Cole, 1891-1964	1 ms. score (28 p.) : pencil	[1985]
7.1	Just one of those things : #191	Porter, Cole, 1891-1964	1 ms. score (47 p.) : pencil	[1985]
7.2	Out of nowhere	Green, Johnny, 1908-1989	1 ms. score (20 p.) : pencil	[1991]
7.3	If dreams come true	Sampson, Edgar, 1907-1973	1 ms. score (27 p.) : pencil	[1991]
8.1	Thank you, Leon	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (34 p.) : photocopy, with pencil additions	[1991]
9.1	Days gone by : #166	Thompson, Don, 1940-	1 ms. score (14 p.) : pencil	[1991]
9.2	Slow grind	Winding, Kai	1 ms. score (24 p.) : pencil	[1991]
9.3	All the things you are : #202	Kern, Jerome, 1885-1945	1 ms. score (22 + 10 p.) : pencil	[1991]
9.4	Them there eyes : #205	Pinkard, Maceo, 1897-1962	1 ms. score (31 + 2 p.) : pencil	[1992]
9.5	Love of my life : #204	Kellaway, Roger	1 ms. score (19 p.) : pencil	[1992]
9.6	Strollin' : #203	Silver, Horace, 1928-	1 ms. score (20 p.) : pencil	[1992]
9.7	Winter in Winnipeg	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (30 p.) : pencil	[1992]

10.1	Things A.W.T.U.2B. : Things aint what they used to be	Ellington, Mercer	1 ms. score (15 + 2 p.) : pencil	[1994]
10.2	Strike out the band	Gershwin, George, 1898-1937	1 ms. score (21 + 18 p.) : pencil	[1994]
10.3	(Why did I choose) Embraceable you : #211	Leonard, Michael, 1931- Gershwin, George, 1898-1937	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[1993]
10.4	Hey!	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (8 p.) : pencil	[1993]
10.5	Very early : #201	Evans, Bill, 1929-1980	1 ms. score (18 p.) : pencil	[1993]
11.1	Wait and see : Airmen of note	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (15 + 7 p.) : photocopy	[1993]
11.2	This may be your lucky day	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (23 + [6 p.] : pencil	[1993]
11.3	Hawg jazz	Terry, Clark	1 ms. score (11 p.) : pencil	[1995]
11.4	Stella by starlight	Young, Victor, 1900-1956	1 ms. score (22 + 1 p.) : pencil	[1995]
11.5	After you	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[1995]
11.6	Overtime	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[1995]
12.1	4 B.C. : #218	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (18 + 9 p.) : pencil	[1995]
12.2	Riffs I have known : #217	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (25 p.) : pencil	[1995]
12.3	T.O. 2	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (16 p.) : pencil	[1995]
12.4	Just tell me yes or no : #215	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (9 p.) : pencil	[1996]
12.5	Flyin' home	Goodman, Benny, 1909-1986	1 ms. score (16 + 1 p.) : pencil	[1996]
12.6	Broadway	Woode, William Henri, 1909-1994 McRae, Teddy, 1908-1999	1 ms. score (29 p.) : pencil	[1996]
12.7	What are we here for : #216		1 ms. score (21 p.) : pencil	[1997]
12.8	Nightfall : #221	Gershwin, George, 1898-1937	1 ms. score (6 p.) : pencil	[1997]
12.9	My bells : #152	Evans, Bill, 1929-1980	1 ms. score (6 p.) : pencil	[1997]
13.1	The back beat : #248	Silver, Horace, 1928-	1 ms. score (44 p.) : pencil	[1997]
13.2	Don't get around much anymore : #249	Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974	1 ms. score (17 p.) : pencil	[1997]

13.3	The bad and the beautiful / Robin	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (16 p.) : pencil	[1997]
13.4	Rockin' in rhythm	Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974	1 ms. score (16 p.) : pencil	[1998]
13.5	Jobim : Once I loved you ; If you never come to me	Jobim, Antonio Carlos	1 ms. score (17 p.) : pencil	[1998]
13.6	G baby / Gee baby, ain't I good to you	Redman, Don	1 ms. score (14 p.) : pencil	[1998]
13.7	Indiana / Donna Lee	Hanley, James F. (James Frederick), 1892-1942	1 ms. score (46 p.) : pencil	[1998]
13.8	Crazy rhythm : #277	Meyer, Joseph, 1894-1987	1 ms. score (30 + 7 p.) : pencil	[1998]
13.9	The waltz you knew was blue	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (54 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.1	Blue tag : #253	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (30 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.2	Even Cnd's get the blues : #254	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (44 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.3	Blue Hodge : #150	McFarland, Gary	1 ms. score (22 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.4	Sixth sense	Brubeck, Dave	1 ms. score (22 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.5	The clarinet is black and blue : #251	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (11 p.) : pencil	[1998]
14.6	Oh! Canada (Eh!)	LavallÚe, Calixa, 1842-1891	1 ms. score (6 p.) : photocopy	[1974]
15.1	Blue silver : Blue Mitchell : #151	Silver, Horace, 1928-	1 ms. score (37 p.) : pencil	[2000]
15.2	Lil' darlin' : #262	Hefti, Neal	1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[1974- 1997]
15.3	A child is born / Our waltz : 261		1 ms. score (20 p.)	[1975]
15.4	The Duke : #263		1 ms. score (15 p.) : pencil	[1998]
15.5	Sophisticated lady : #259		1 ms. score (46 p.) : pencil	[1985]
15.6	Invitation : #260		1 ms. score (26 p.) : photocopy	[1991]
16.1	Silent midnight		1 ms. score (31 p.) : pencil	[1992]
16.10	Xmas waltz		1 ms. score (24 p.) : pencil	[1994]
16.11	Xmas love song		1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[1994]
16.2	Bethlehem joy / Away in a manger		1 ms. score (10 + 4 p.) : pencil	[1994]
16.3	Taisetsu		1 ms. score (24 p.) : pencil	[1994]

16.4	Favorite things		1 ms. score (24 p.) : pencil	[1993]
16.5	Silver bleak mid-winter		1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[1993]
16.6	The Xmas song		1 ms. score (19 p.) : pencil	[1993]
16.7	Have a home for Xmas		1 ms. score (29 p.) : pencil	[1993]
16.8	New Year's eve		1 ms. score (37 p.) : pencil	[1995]
16.9	White/snow/winter		1 ms. score (23 p.) : pencil	[1995]
17	Hello from the North	McConnell, Rob.	1 ms. score (41 p.) : pencil	[1996]
18.1	Alexander's rag-time band		1 ms. score (16 + 9 p.) : pencil	[1996]
18.2	Autumn in New York		1 ms. score (23 p.) : pencil	[1996]
18.3	I believe in you : Airmen of note		1 ms. score (34 p.) : photocopy	[1974- 1997]
18.4	Porgy and Bess	Gershwin, George, 1898-1937	1 condensed ms. score (31 p.) : photocopy	[1977]
18.5	I'll never smile again : 286	Lowe, Ruth, 1914- 1981	1 ms. score (10 p.) : photocopy	[2000- 2003]
18.6	Ko-ko	Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974	1 ms. score (15 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
19.1	Maybe September : # 5	Faith, Percy, 1908- 1976	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[2000]
19.10	Very early : # 30	Evans, Bill, 1929- 1980	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
19.11	I wished on the moon : # 31	Rainger, Ralph, 1901-1942	1 ms. score (13, 2, 6, 20-25 p.) : pencil	[2000]
19.12	4 all we no : # 32	Coots, J. Fred, 1897- 1985	1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
19.2	The king : # 12		1 ms. score (5 p.) : pencil	[2002]
19.3	Morning of Carnival : # 14	Bonfa, Luiz	1 ms. score (7 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
19.4	FU could C me now : # 15	McDougall, Ian, 1938-	1 ms. score (6 p.) : pencil	[2000]
19.5	The outlaw : # 20	Silver, Horace, 1928-	1 ms. score (5 p.) : pencil	[2000]
19.6	Ornithardy : # 21	Fischer, Clare	1 ms. score (7 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
19.7	Con alma : # 23	Gillespie, Dizzy, 1917-1993	1 ms. score (7 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]

19.8	Ian leaps out!! : # 24	McDougall, Ian, 1938-	2 ms. scores (39 [i.e. 10] p., 26 p.) : pencil and computer printout	[2000-2003]
19.9	I'll be where : # 25	Wilder, Alec, 1907-1980 Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979	1 ms. score (7 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.1	Somewhere along the way : # 33	Kurtz, Ada	1 ms. score (11, [1] p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.10	Everything h. 2 me : # 46	Dennis, Matt, 1914-2002	1 ms. score (15 p.) : pencil	[2000]
20.11	The folks who live on the hill : # 48	Kern, Jerome, 1885-1945	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.12	If I were a bell : # 49	Loesser, Frank, 1910-1969	1 ms. score (33 p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.13	Somewhere in the night : J. and K. are here : # 50	Myrow, Josef, 1910-1987	1 ms. score (19 p.) : pencil	[2000]
20.14	With a song in my heart : # 52	Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979	1 ms. score (5 p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.15	I can drum, can't I : # 62	Fain, Sammy, 1902-1989	1 ms. score (17 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.16	Cheek to cheek : # 63	Berlin, Irving, 1888-1989	1 ms. score (29 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.17	Sweet and lovely : # 64	Arnheim, Gus Tobias, Harry, 1895-1994	1 ms. score (18 p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.18	Jingle bells : Xmas : # 66		1 ms. score (13 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.19	Fascinating/Time : The 4 bosoms : # 67	Gershwin, George, 1898-1937 Styne, Jule, 1905-1994 Herman, Jerry, 1931-	1 ms. score (28 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.2	Smile again insert : # 34	Lowe, Ruth, 1914-1981	1 ms. score (10 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.20	And Miles to go : # 68	Scott, Tom, 1948-	1 ms. score (8 p.) : pencil	[2002]
20.3	Everything I love : # 35	Porter, Cole, 1891-1964	1 ms. score (18 p.) : pencil	[2003]
20.4	Why are you blue : # 39	McFarland, Gary	1 ms. score (p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.5	Theme for Jobim : # 40	Mulligan, Gerry	1 ms. score (7 p.) + 1 condensed ms. score (4 p.) + [6] p. sketches : pencil	[2000-2003]
20.6	9:20 special : # 42	Warren, Earle	1 ms. score (17 p.) : pencil	[2000-2003]

20.7	I'll never stop loving you : # 43	Brodzky, Nicholas	1 ms. score (12 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
20.8	Constantly : # 44	Dickenson, Vic	1 ms. score (26 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
20.9	Someday my prints : # 45	Churchill, Frank, 1901-1942	1 ms. score (28 p.) : pencil	[2000- 2003]
21	Duo, trio, small band music	Robinson, J. Russel	Parts : pencil, ink, computer printouts, and photocopies	[1984, 1993, 1996]
