



**Collection Name:**

Hardanger Fiddle Association of America records, 1890-2009

**Collection Number:**

P1294

**Extent:**

4.0 cubic feet (10 archives boxes)

**Abstract:**

Materials related to the Hardanger fiddle, a traditional Norwegian folk instrument with eight strings, and to the association founded in 1983 in order to stimulate interest in the instrument and in Scandinavian folk music and dance.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Range
1	loose	Myllarguten by Rikard Berge, Kristiania, Forlagt AV H. Aschehoug and Co. (W. Nygaard), 1908.	1908	1908
2A-2 C		"Sound Post" Newsletter 1984-1999. Relocated to St. Olaf Library. (Another set in St. Olaf Library). Includes Box 2C/Sound Post correspondence & submission files.	1984	2009
1	3	Newspaper clippings regarding fiddlers and predecessor organizations.	1909	2012
1	1	Various magazine and journal articles on the Hardanger Fiddle.	1911	2012
1	2	Pamphlets and brochures regarding Hardanger Fiddle meetings and workshops.	1989	2012

1	1	Norwegian-American Newspapers. The Lur (Scandinavian Historical Society, Alberta). 1970-1976. Articles include: South Dakota's Unique Church [stavkirke crafted by Banker Dahl] (fall 1972); My First Year in Canada by N.C. Brun (spring 1973); Pastor Anders O. Aasen (spring 1974); Memories and Traditions from our Grandparents Time by Jacob Haugen, Loreburn, Saskatchewan, 1949 (fall 1974); Folk Remedies From Norway by Olaf Sveen. Highlights Svarteboker/black books (winter 1976); A Trek to Grande Prairie by Thea Brekken (spring 1976).	1970	1976
1	4	HFAA-NAHA Correspondence.	1991	1992
1	5	HFAA membership.	1983	2012
1	6	Hardanger Fiddle/Selected bibliography, ca. 1990	1990	1990
1	7	Carl and Amy Narvestad--Andrea Een Endowed Fund for Folk Music and	1998	2002



		Dance at St. Olaf College		
1	8	St. Olav Medal/Andrea Een, presented May 8, 2002.	1999	2002
2		HFAA correspondence files, organized yearly.	1983	2002
3	1	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Manuscript by David Golber, "Knut Dahle in Decorah" (three pages typescript). Ca. 1990.	1990	1990
3	2	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Thesis, Camilla Haugen Conley Cai, "The Hardanger Fiddle and Its Music (Harvard Univ., 1965).	1965	1965
3	3	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Student paper, Irene Herrmann, "Grieg's Norwegian Peasant Dances Opus 72: Comparison of the Piano Adaptations with Its Sources from Traditional Hardinger (sic) Fiddle Repertoire of Telemark, Norway."	1992	1992
3	4	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Thesis, Kevin Francis Hoeschen, "The Norwegian Hardanger Violin in the Upper Midwest: Documentation and Interpretation of an Immigrant Music Tradition" (Univ. of Minnesota, 1989).	1990	1990
3	5	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Manuscript, David Kindem, "Early Hardanger Fiddle Recordings" (4 pages typescript).	1992	1992
3	6	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Thesis, Gloria Gene Lester, "The United States Scandinavian-Dance-Community and Norsk bygdedans" (Univ. of California, Los Angeles).	1992	1992
3	7	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Manuscript and research notes, Carl Narvestad, "Bendik i Non" [Bendik Thoreson].	1981	1981
3	8	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Research notes regarding "Bendik i Non" (Bendik Thoreson) prepared by Susan K. Webb.	1995	1995
3	11	HFAA collected manuscripts, theses, articles and research notes. Sigbørn B. Osa, "Hardingfela The Hardanger Fiddle" (1952)	1952	1952
1	9	Financials.	1984	1999
1	10	Constitution, by-laws, articles of incorporation, and minutes.	1984	1999
4		Photograph Collection.	1890	1999



5	Audio & Moving Image Collection. Includes: An Introduction to Hardanger Fiddling with Bernt Balchen (VHS); phonograph 45 record, "Music of the Fjords" Ingvald Orheim plays the famed Hardanger violin; audio cassettes: Leonard Finseth, Elmo Wick, John Falle, HFAA telephone meeting (Jan. 20, 1991), Kristiane Lund, Gunnulf Borgen, T. Bolstad, Ingvald Orheim, Andris Dahle, Roheim and Badderud, Andris Dahle, Minnesota Folk Arts: Hardanger Fiddle, Andrea (Een ?), 1994, Jens A. Myro & Øyvind Brabandt, and interview with Olav Moe	1984	1999
6	Music Collection. Includes the following items by Bernt Balchen, Jr.: Introduction and guidelines to the maintenance and playing technique of the Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle (1985), 13 More Popular Tunes for the Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle (n.d.), Popular Tunes for the Hardanger Fiddle (1985). Also Dan's Old Time Waltz (Dan Aakhus, 1935), collection of tunes "written down by Elmo Wick" (2001); (folio cabinet) Møllarguttens Slaatter/author: Torgeir Torgeir Torgeirson, Publisher: Haakon Zappffe, Cop. 1924	1924	2001
7	History. Includes manuscript and published copies of "A History of the Hardanger Fiddle Association of America: 1983-1993" by Carl T. Narvestad (1994). (Next to Box): - og fela ho lét : norsk spelemannstradisjon by Arne Bjørndal, Brynjulf Alver (with an English summary, 1966)	1966	1994
8	Thor Quale Collection. Includes citations and plaques; translation of Sverre Sandvik, "Vi byggjer hardingfele" (1983)	1983	1993
9	HFAA organizational correspondence.	1983	2003
10	Ingvald Orheim items (clippings, programs & press releases). See Photograph Collection (box 4) for images.	1966	1984

5	Audio & Moving Image Collection. Added Dec. 8, 2014: audio reel (also digitally transferred to CD) of Severin Kjerland playing the Hardanger fiddle, 1964. Sound quality: poor to fair.
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### Rokke Name Index

Lee, Halvor	Fykerud, Torbjørg	Møllargutten (Torgeir Augunson)
Hamrey, Oscar	Larsdatter	Brandt, Ole K.
Kvislen, Gunnar	Nordgaard, J. G.	Wien, Henry
Mossefin, Ole	Dance	Ormbreck, Gilbert Olaf
Myllargutten (Torgeir Augunson)	Hardanger fiddle	Ørsahl, Halvor
Eltun, Trond	Haugen, Hans H.	Roheim, Amund
Litlere, Torfinn	Aakhus, Daniel	Rosenlid, John
	Aakhus, Eivind	



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Spelemans Laget of  
Amerika  
Torgeirson, Torgeir  
Thompson, P.O.  
Werner, August Hansen  
1893-1980  
Sound Post periodical,  
Hardanger Fiddle Assn  
Høydal, Einar