The Edmonton Music Collection
University of Alberta Music Library

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- Capital city of the Province of Alberta
- 5th largest city in Canada
- Diverse and active music scene
Edmonton Music Collection

- Began in July 2011
- 300 recordings purchased from local vendor to date
- Donations solicited
- Existing holdings searched & documented
  - 900 items identified to date
  - Registry of names maintained
- ~50% scores, ~45% recordings, 5% textual materials
- Now a regular part of our collection development activities
- Supports libraries strategic plan
Selection Criteria

● Materials in all formats documenting the musical life of the region
● No genres excluded, but current focus is the independent popular music scene
● Collection Includes:
  ○ Scores of Department of Music composers
  ○ Musical output of campus ensembles
  ○ Recordings of local artists & groups
  ○ Theses about musical life in Edmonton
  ○ Printed ephemera
  ○ Archival collections
Collection Methods

- Purchase sound recordings from local vendor of independent music 4-5 times/year
  - Budget $1500-$2000 / year
- Identify local materials in donations & solicit donations
- Monitor local music press, social media
- Select from fan sites, lists of local artists, etc.
- Accept deposit of recordings
Permanent Records, Edmonton Alberta.
Cataloguing / Access

- Items in the collection accompanied by 590 note: “UA Library copy in the Edmonton Music Collection”
- Exploring enhanced access options with Primo, new discovery system for UofA
- Collection circulates according to current policies
Search Results

any field "UA Library copy in the Edmonton Music Collection" search found 1073 titles.

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#1
Details □ Mark
Cowboy Up! [sound recording]
Raygun Cowboys (Musical group)
1 copy available at University of Alberta Rutherford-Humanities & Social Science

#2
Details □ Mark
How I see this table [sound recording] : reissue
Idyl Tea (Musical group)
1 copy available at University of Alberta Rutherford-Humanities & Social Science

#3
Details □ Mark
Ellipsis [sound recording]
Politic Live (Musical group)
1 copy available at University of Alberta Rutherford-Humanities & Social Science
If only you were lonely [sound recording] : drunk side
City Streets (Musical group : Canada)

Corporate Author: City Streets (Musical group : Canada)
Title: If only you were lonely [sound recording] : drunk side / The City Streets. Left of the dial : punk side / Secret Fires.
Publication info: [Edmonton?] : That's E-town, [2007?]
Physical description: 1 sound disc : analog, 45 rpm ; 7 in.
Variant title: On slipcase: Movies are for retards
Subject term: Rock music--2001-2010.
Subject term: Punk rock music.
General Note: Rock songs.
General Note: Songs by P. Westerberg.
General Note: Durations: 2:35; 3:56.
Local note: UA Library copy in the Edmonton Music Collection.

Added author: Westerberg, Paul.
Added author: Secret Fires (Musical group)
Added title: Left of the dial.
key: 5980971
Future Directions

- Use of ArchiveIT to capture websites related to musical life of Edmonton
- Digital collections
  - Canadian Sheet Music & Musical Ephemera
  - Colleague post-retirement contract
  - Digitization of Music Department recordings
- Outreach & promotion
  - Local music research guide
  - Live music in the Music Library
Thank You

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