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Biographical Sketch

Arnold Elston was born in New York on September 30, 1907. He died in Vienna on June 6, 1971.

Part I: Dramatic and Orchestral Works.

Box 1-3, 12, item 1. ***Great Age, Behold Us***, cantata for chorus and large orchestra.

Additional Note

Text: St John-Perse, from his *Chronique*. Composed: 1963-1965. Scores, parts and transparencies.

Box 1 **Full score, Ozalid**
Box 2 **Original transparencies of score**
Box 3 **Vocal scores**
Box 12 **Parts**

Box 4-6, item 2. ***The Love of Don Perlimplin***, chamber opera.

Additional Note

Text: Garcia-Lorca. Composed: June, 1957-March, 1958, Eugene, Oregon, and Berkeley. Scores and transparencies of score only.

Box 4-5 **Transparencies and full scores**
Box 6 **Includes Vocal score inscribed to Edgar Jones**
Box 7, 8, item 3. ***Sweeney Agonistes***, chamber opera.

Additional Note

Text: T. S. Eliot from his *Fragment of an Agon*. Dedicated to Walter Piston. Composed: October, 1948-August, 1950. Scores, parts, and transparencies.

Box 9, 13, item 4. ***Three Orchestra Pieces: Dithyramb, Paeon, Furioso***.

Additional Note

Composed: 1968-1970. Scores, parts, and transparencies.

Box 9 **Ozalid copies of different versions**
Box 13 **Original MSS**

Part II: Songs and choruses.

- Box 10, item 5. ***A Drunken man's praise of sobriety "Come, swish around."***
Additional Note
Score. 1954. For soprano and piano. (And Edgar Jones' copy)
- Box 10, item 6. ***A Gallant's song "When the maiden leaves off teasing."***
Additional Note
Text: Thomas Hardy. Score. September, 1948. For bass voice and piano.
- Box 10, item 7. ***In memory on Anton Webern "Last as first, for women's voices and brass (2 trumpets, horn, tenor, and bass trombone).***
Additional Note
Text: Thomas Hardy from his *The Dynasts*. March 27, 1947. Scores.
- Box 10, item 8. ***Lament from Esther "Plenrons et gemissons," for soprano and piano.***
Additional Note
Text: Jean Racine. December, 1942.
- Box 10, item 9. ***Two madrigals. 1) The Ecstatic, and 2) Spring omnipotent goddess, for S,S,MS,A,T,B.***
Additional Note
Poems by C. Day Lewis and E. E. Cummings. Scores. Berkeley, March 22, 1971. Dedicated to Dan Heartz.
- Box 10, item 10. ***Que le Seigneur est bon, for soprano and piano.***
Additional Note
Text: Jean Racine. Score. December, 1942;
See Item 8.
- Box 10, item 11. ***Some one came knocking, for soprano and piano.***
Additional Note
Text: Walter De La Mare. Score. No date.
- Box 10, item 12. ***There is a way of life, motet for four-part women's chorus (a cappella).***
Additional Note
Poem by Merrill Moore. Three scores. Eugene, Oregon, 1945.

Part III: Chamber music and piano music.

Box 10, item 13. ***Rondo, for piano (1937).***

Additional Note

Score, no place.

Box 10, item 14. ***Sonatina, for two clarinets (B flat). April, 1946. Two scores.***

Box 10, item 15. ***String quartet (1961). Score and parts (and a score inscribed to Seymour Shifrin).***

Box 10, item 16. ***Trio, for violin, cello, and piano. Berkeley, 1967.***

Additional Note

Scores and parts (and a copy inscribed to Lawrence Moe).

Part IV: Papers

- Box 11, item 17. **Article: *Athematic structure*. Berkeley, no date.**
Box 11, item 18. **Lecture: *Beethoven - 200 years later*. No place or date.**
Box 11, item 19. **Lecture: *Alban Berg's Wozzeck*. San Francisco Opera performances, West Coast Premiere. No place or date.**
Box 11, item 20. **Lecture: *Claude Debussy*. No place or date.**
Box 11, item 21. **Notes: *Andre Gedalge - subject and answer*.**
Box 11, item 22. **Article: *The formal structure of Opus 6, no. 1 of Anton Webern*.**

Additional Note

Published in *Perspective on New Music*, vol. 6:1 (1967), 63-66.

- Box 11, item 23. **Lecture: *The Music of Anton Webern (1883-1945)*. Spring, 1957, no place.**
Box 11, item 24. **Lecture: *Music since 1945*. University of Oregon, Eugene, July 10, 1969.**

Additional Note

Lecture notes and program.

- Box 11, item 25. **Paper: *Webern as Teacher*. No place or date.**
Box 11, item 26. **Program and text of the cantata *Great Age, Behold Us*. Berkeley, April 19-20, 1968.**
Box 11, item 27. **Statement by the composer concerning his chamber opera *Sweeney Agonistes*.**
Box 11, item 28. **Libretto: *A penny for your life*. No place or date.**
Box 11, item 29. **Reviews of his chamber opera *The Love of Don Perlimplin*. *San Francisco Chronicle*, May 11, 1958, p. 32 and May 18, 1958.**
Box 11, item 29a. **Correspondence. *The Love of Don Perlimplin* (6)**
Box 11, item 30. **Class lecture notes: *20th century music*, Berkeley, Fall quarter, 1964.**
Box 11, item 31. **Class lecture notes: two (2) notebooks, Berkeley, no date.**
Box 11, item 32. **Class lecture notes: miscellaneous collection.**
Box 11, item 33. **Ph. D. thesis: *On Musical Dynamics*.**

Additional Note

Presented to the Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. June, 1939. 167 pp.

- Box 11, item 34. **Two (2) notebooks with red covers containing sketches of *Three Orchestra Pieces*, mvt. 3 "Furioso."**
Box 11, item 35. ***Sweeney Agonistes*.**
 Reviews (3)
 Correspondence (1)
 Photographs (2)
 Notes (from Edgar Jones' copy of the score)
Box 11, item 36. **Correspondence (14): *Le Mal Court***
Box 11, item 37. **Correspondence (3): *Great Age Behold Us***
Box 11, item 38. **Correspondence (3) and photographs (6) - Anton Webern**
Box 11, item 39. **Correspondence (10) and photograph (1):**
 Letter from Ingolf Dahl (1)
 Letters from Hans Moldenhauer (2)
 Letter from Dave & Peggy Holden (1)
 Letter from BBC (Brian Trowell) (1)
 Letter from Roger Sessions (1)
 Condolence letters (4) to Ann Elston: David Lewis, Jean & Bill Woods, Lowell Creitz of Pro Arte Qt. (incl. picture) and Lisl & Roger Sessions.
Box 11, item 40. **Miscellaneous concert programs and newspaper clippings**
Box 11, item 40a. **Miscellaneous newspaper clippings-includes concert reviews and obituaries.**
Box 11, item 41. **Photographs of Arnold Elston (7)**

Part V: Concert Tapes (9)

- Box 11, item 42. ***Love of Don Perlimplin* - June 12, 1958 - 2 tapes**
- Box 11, item 43. ***Sweeney Agonistes* - May 2, 1957**
- Box 11, item 44. ***Great Age Behold Us* - Sat., April 20, 1962**
- Box 11, item 45. ***Paeon* - Feb. 8 and 9, no year**
- Box 11, item 46. **Piano Trio and Cantata: *Great Age Behold Us* (no performance date)**
- Box 11, item 47. **Piano Trio (Mesta) - no performance date**
- Box 11, item 48. **Piano Trio - Franaro (?) Trio, S.F. Chamber Music Society Concert - n.d.**
- Box 11, item 49. ***Elston Quartet* - n.d.**
- Box 11, item 50. **Seymour Shifrin - Str. Qt. no. 4 - Fine Arts Qt., Oct. 1967, Berkeley**
- Box 11, item 51. ***S. Schifrin* (sic)**