

Ford Foundation records, Arts and Humanities Program Files, Marcia T. Thompson

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Marcia Aldrich Thompson Thompson (1923-2018) was an advocate for financial stabilization projects in the arts throughout her long career with the Ford Foundation, the National Arts Stabilization Fund, and as a board member for many arts organizations. She was born on Oct. 2, 1923 in Hankow, China. Thompson attended the Columbia University School of General Studies, the New School for Social Research, and earned a certificate from Katherine Gibbs School. She started her career at the New York Times as the Assistant to the Sunday Editor from 1946-1951. She moved on to hold multiple positions at the International Press Institute as Assistant to the Chairman and Associate Director, Conference Coordinator until 1953. In 1955, she married Ralph Thompson, a book critic and columnist for the New York Times, and secretary of the Book#of#the-Month Club.

In 1953, Thompson joined the Ford Foundation as a program officer. From the beginning, she was involved in the formation and development of the Foundation's program in humanities and the arts. She had a hand in all major subsequent initiatives through 1983, including the development of programs for individual artists as well as institutional development in the arts. She worked to create incentives for

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symphonies, ballet companies, theaters and other arts groups to liquidate their deficits and build working capital reserves. Some of her achievements include: providing \$80.2 million in grants to orchestras across the country as part of the Symphony Orchestra Program, providing support for development of dance companies and professional training in classical dance, and developing the Program for Administrative Interns, the Program for Curatorial Training, and the Program for Catalogues of American Fine Arts Collections. She also led the Ford Foundation Cash Reserve Program from which the National Arts Stabilization Fund eventually evolved. She collaborated closely with Ford Foundation executive William W. McPeak and Vice President W. McNeil Lowry. Lowry and Thompson's partnership helped Ford become the country's largest nongovernmental arts patron and the first to support dance. By 1967, Thompson was the Ford Foundation's senior program officer in the arts and humanities.

Thompson left the Ford Foundation to found and serve as president of the National Arts Stabilization Fund (NASF) in December 1983. The NASF was created with funding from the Ford Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation, to provide arts institutions with grants and fiscal management strategies. Thompson was responsible for all aspects of the NASF's operations including development of principles and policies, fundraising, project development and oversight, administration, planning, board relations and external affairs until 1991. She served as Chairman of the Executive Committee and Vice Chairman of the NASF from 1991-1993. Thompson was also a board member of the School of American Ballet, Theater for a New Audience and the Scherman Foundation. Marcia Thompson died in March 2018.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains the office files of Marcia T. Thompson, former program officer in the Office of the Humanities and the Arts at the Ford Foundation. Contents include background papers, reports, correspondence, grant files, and materials relating to the Symphony Orchestra Program, the Cash Reserve Program, the Ford Stabilization Program, the Office of the Humanities and the Arts, the Education and Culture Program, and the National Arts Stabilization Fund (NASF).

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Arrangement

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- Program development -- Arts -- Ford Foundation
- Symphony orchestras -- United States

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From 1966 to 1976, the Ford Foundation contributed over \$80 million to 61 symphony orchestras in the United States and Puerto Rico, with dual missions of improving the financial conditions of North American orchestral musicians and strengthening perceptions of American culture in Europe and Asia. The program raised musicians' salaries and helped orchestras develop new fundraising mechanisms.

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Omaha Symphony Association

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Marcia Thompson established the National Arts Stabilization Fund (NASF) in 1983 with grants from the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The NASF recognized that most arts organizations lack both the capital resources, and in many cases, the management and planning systems that are essential for the long-term financial health of their organization. The NASF focused on working with local community leaders, local fundraisers, and local arts organizations to fund regional stabilization projects. Thompson served as the president of the NASF from 1983-1991.

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Folger Theatre Group (Washington, DC)
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Indiana Repertory Theatre (Indianapolis)
Long Wharf Theatre (New Haven)
Manhattan Theatre Club (NYC)
Mark Taper Forum (Los Angeles)
McCarter Theatre (NYC)
Negro Ensemble Company (NYC)

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