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History and Music Combine in Treasures of Conservatory’s Special Collections

Did you know that the Oberlin Conservatory of Music’s special collections contain more than 700 instruments, including a triple Welsh harp and more than 100,000 jazz recordings? Jeremy Smith, Oberlin Conservatory Special Collections Librarian and Curator of the James and Susan Neumann Jazz Collection, presents a free community program on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:15 p.m. that reveals the breadth of this splendid collection, from 16th century European musical theory, to 18th century American music, to 20th century jazz. Smith’s illustrated program includes sights and sounds of many gems of the collection, including Milt Hinton artifacts and photographs documenting his 70-year career in the golden age of jazz. The event is hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and takes place at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). All are welcome. A special thanks goes to Northwest Savings Bank as the sponsor of the evening’s event.

Jeremy Smith received a Bachelor of Music degree in music theory from the University of South Carolina’s Honors College, a Master of Arts degree in theology from Regent University, and a Ph.D. in musicology from Duke University. His publications have appeared in Notes: Quarterly Journal of the Music Library Association and Jazz Perspectives. He has been with Oberlin College as the Conservatory Special Collections Librarian since 2011.

For more information about this program or other events and tours offered by the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. For more about the Conservatory’s Special Collections visit www.oberlin.edu/library/cons/ or call (440) 775-8280.

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