

Rio Grande Valley International Music Festival Schedule of Events, 1968
Finding Aid

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SUMMARY

Size	1 folder
Geographic Locations	Rio Grande Valley, Texas
Inclusive Dates	February 19-24, 1968
Languages	English
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1961 Victor Alessandro, musical director of The San Antonio Symphony, initiated an annual Rio Grande Valley International Music Festival, which attracted music lovers from South Texas and northern Mexico for a week of concerts, operas, and student performances. Musical events were held throughout the valley in Brownsville, Harlingen, McAllen, and Pharr.

Ronald L. Davis and Lota M. Spell, "MUSIC," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/xmm01>), accessed July 18, 2014. Uploaded on June 15, 2010. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The booklet in this collection lists the events that occurred during the Eighth Annual Rio Grande Valley International Music Festival held February 19-24, 1968 in Texas. It also lists the Festival's Officers, Community Chairmen, and Committee Chairmen; patrons of the Festival; sponsors; friends; guarantors; advertisers; and members of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra. Also included are programs for "A Concert for Students," "Pops Concert," and "La Traviata." Short highlights of the careers of the Festival's stars are included. The stars in 1968 were Beverly Sills, Daniele Barioni, Morley Meredith, Ruth Thorsen, Val Patacchi, and Felipe de la Rosa. Information about the Valley Civic Chorus is also contained in the booklet.