

Activities of the Charade committee at the Gnessin Moscow State Music Technical school 90

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The article is dedicated to the work of the humorous Charade Committee — Sharkom — which was organized by the students of the Moscow State Musical Technikum named after the Gnesins during the years of their study (1925–1928). Many members of the Charade Committee later became outstanding musicians and scientists: Aram Khachaturian, Yury Muromtsev, Alexander Nikolaev, Elena Davydova, sisters Olga and Vera Beckmann, brothers Yury and Boris Sukharevsky, Sergey Skrebkov etc.

The friendship between the members of Sharkom had been keeping to the end of their lives. The article presents unique materials, published for the first time, from the family archive of Elena Bekman-Shcherbina and Sergey Skrebkov’s family — a notebook with detailed scenarios of performances, sheet music examples, fragments from Olga Skrebkova’s memories, photos of those years, drawings, materials of «Laugh Museum» — funny documents, collected by Gnesins for the years. In appendix at the end of the article there is list of Sharkom members.

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