



Old Budapest Is Singing

On Mar 29, 1942 Princess Ilda Sapiéha gave a lecture and a piano recital sponsored by The Friends of Music of the Halifax Country at the Princess Issena Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida. My grandparents, Bob and Constance Hathaway attended the event. After the recital my grandfather bought the record album the Princess was offering titled "Old Budapest Is Singing". The album was privately recorded by the Princess and consists of three 78rpm records of instrumental piano music. The Princess signed "Matilda Sapiéha" on the inside cover of the album.

My grandfather was a theater owner and a collector of popular American music and literature. He collected many phonograph records of Broadway show tunes and popular artists from the 1910s to the 1950s. Princess Sapiéha's record album was handed down to me as part of his collection. I donate the album to the College of William and Mary in memory of my grandparents for the enjoyment of all who are interested in the life the Princess and her family lived in America as refugees from Nazi cruelty. -Edward Thayer, February 2010

Side 730-A ~ The Hidden Violet – My Dreams Have Gone – There Is But One Girl – You Are My World - I Was Drunk Last Night – On The Tisza River – "Sarika", My Little Saint – Marching Soldiers – I Was the Favorite

Side 730-B ~ The Red Handkerchief – In the Dense Forest – The River Maros – Mother Is Arriving – I Am the First Captain – Harvest Song – I Prefer Brunettes – Paprika Csardas

Side 731-A ~ Yours Is My Heart – The Little Nest – Zirkusprincesswaltz – I Only Think Of You – In the Vineyards – Wine Song – Salzburg (*sic*) Dance

Side 731-B ~ Congres (*sic*) Waltz – Two hearts – My Last Time – Banfy Waltz – Laendler, Strauss – The Nicest Girl – Cupid Waltz – Harvest Time

Side 732-A ~ Vienna, City of My Dreams – In the Schönbrunner Park – Lets Go To Grinzing – The Little Hotel On the Wieden – Salzburg Laendler – Flaker Song

Side 732-B ~ The Blue Danube – Lari-fari – Gypsy Love – Csardasprincess – Count of Luxembourg – Her Majesty Will Dance – "Inspiration", Strauss – Dancing Girls