Original Concert Series

1951
DePauw Infantry Chorus
William Kappel
Elena Nikolaidi
Three Young Artists

1952
Isaac Stern
Eleanor Steber
Louis Sudler
Whittmore & Lowe
Budapest String Quartet
Mary Davenport
College Camp Choir
Moline Boys Choir
Jorge Bolet

1953
Lois Marshall
Eugene List
Mischa Elman
Igor Gorin
Moline Boys Choir
Chicago Symphony String Ensemble
Robert McDowell
John Halloran Choralists
Dorothy Maynor

1954
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Izler Solomon
Moline Boys Choir
Chicago Swedish Glee Club
Brian Sullivan
Luboshutz & Nemenoff
Leonard Warren
Elaine Skordin
Carol Smith
Milwaukee Pops Orchestra

1955
Robert Merrill
Ernest & Miles Mauney
The Northerners
Mischa Mischakoff
Samuel Sorin
Jennie Turel
Chicago Pops Orchestra

1956
Jerome Hines
Appleton & Field
Mildred Miller
The Song Masters
The Fine Arts Quartet
The Barber of Seville

1957
William Warfield
Rise Stevens
The Fine Arts Quartet
Chicago Swedish Glee Club
Edward Gordon
Gold & Fizdale

1958
Hilde Gueden
Minneapolis Symphonette
Ozan Marsh
Beaux Arts Trio
Whittmore & Lowe
Simoneou & Alarie

1959
Michael Rabin
Così fan tutte
Phoenix YMCA Youth Chorus
Theodore Uppman
Heidi Krall

1960
The Allegro American Ballet
The Fine Arts Quartet
Frank Glazer
Vronsky & Babin
Mary Curtis-Verna
Donald Gramm
The Clebanoff Strings

1961
Jorge Bolet
Chicago Pops Orchestra
Rudolph Petrak
Brunetta Mazzolini
The Allegro American Ballet

1962
William Warfield
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Brass Ensemble
Eugene List
Dorothy Warenksjold

1963
William Warfield
Berl Senofsky
Frances Archer & Beverly Gile
Richard Cass

1964
San Francisco Dance Company
John Boyden
Elizabeth Fischer
Elaine Skorodin
Norman Horowitz
Richard Dyer Bennett

1965
Carl “Doc” Severinsen
McHenry Boatwright
University of Wisconsin Piano Quartet
Frank Glazer

1966
Mitchell Trio & John Denver
Sherill Milnes
First Chamber Dance Quartet
Hautzig & Olefsky

1967
Carlos Montoya
The Back Porch Majority
Young Uck Kim
The John Biggs Consort
James Tippey

1968
Walter Carringer
The Stanley Quartet
Indriani Dancers of India
Leonard Pennario

1969
Christoph Eschenbach
Kipnis Mime
Marisa Galvan
New York Jazz Sextet
Peninsula Festival Trio