

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## Adella Prentiss Hughes



In a time when too much education was viewed as a danger for women, Adella Prentiss Hughes (1869-1950) instead traveled abroad after graduating from Vassar with a degree in music. She and her mother Ellen saved their travel materials and took hundreds of photographs during their trip. As tourists on the European Grand Tour, the Prentiss women focused on their love of music. They attended operas and smaller performances whenever possible.

Back in Cleveland, Hughes worked as a professional accompanist before becoming interested in bringing musicians to Cleveland. She worked tirelessly to engage orchestras, operas, and ballets for Cleveland performances. In 1915 Hughes founded the Musical Arts Association, raising funds to support her work. She brought the conductor Nikolai Sokoloff to Cleveland and together, they created the Cleveland Orchestra, where Hughes served as its manager for fifteen years. Today, the orchestra is celebrated as one of the world's best.

# For Kids!

Color in the instruments you would like to play!

