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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Musician, teacher, writer, and arts administrator who played an important role in the preservation of Carnegie Hall and was Director of the music division of the New York State Council of the Arts. In the 1950s and 1960s, he wrote about music for Stereo Review, The American Record Guide and Musical America, and was the editor and publisher of Listen: A Music Monthly from 1963 to 1965. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he produced more than 200 music programs for WNYC-TV, and radio programs for stations in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles. He was editor of the Leeds Music Corporation, a music publisher, in the early 1960s and director of the Concert Artists Guild from 1969 to 1973. He helped start the Citizens Committee to Save Carnegie Hall and was a board member for Carnegie Hall until 1974. He also was chairman for the unsuccessful Citizens Committee for the Preservation of the Old Metropolitan Opera House. He was with the New York State Council on the Arts from 1973 until 1979; taught at New York University, the New School, and Queens College; and was with the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood in Lenox MA. He moved to California in 1979 and became a director of the Los Angeles County Music and Performing Arts Commission. From

the late 1980s, he was director of the Maestro Foundation which sponsored private concerts in California.

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, notes, printed material, and photographs of Leonard Altman concerning his work as editor of LISTEN and board member of Carnegie Hall as well as his other professional and personal interests.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged. Box 1: Cataloged correspondence and manuscripts; Box 2: Uncataloged materials, A-Z.

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- Greeting cards
- Invoices
- Lists (document genres)
- minutes (administrative records)
- Notes (documents)
- Poems
- Press releases
- Programs (documents)
- Scores (documents for music)
- Arts administrators
- Composers (Music)
- Music critics
- Musicians
- Teachers
- Listen
- Babin, Victor, 1908-1972
- Bacon, Ernst, 1898-1990
- Beardslee, Bethany
- Bentley, Eric, 1916-
- Biggs, E. Power (Edward Power), 1906-1977
- Bloom, Julius
- Brown, Earle, 1920-
- Bruch, Max, 1838-1920
- Carlisle, Kitty, 1910-2007
- Demus, Jörg, 1928-
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- Feldman, Morton, 1926-1987
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- Fuleihan, Anis, 1900-1970
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- Hawkins, Erick
- Kassern, Tadeusz, 1904-1957
- La Brecque, Rebecca
- Malraux, Madeleine
- Meyerbeer, Giacomo, 1791-1864
- Meyerowitz, Jan, 1913-1998
- Milhaud, Darius, 1892-1974
- Milhaud, Madeleine
- Nest′ev, I. V (Izrail′ Vladimirovich), 1911-1993
- Perry, Julia, 1924-1979
- Previn, André, 1929-

- Reich, Steve, 1936-
- Rochberg, George
- Rodgers, Dorothy, 1909-1992
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- Sargeant, Winthrop, 1903-1986
- Schonberg, Harold C
- Schuller, Gunther
- Secrest, Meryle
- Sessions, Roger, 1896-1985
- Shapey, Ralph, 1921-2002
- Sokolow, Anna
- Sowande, Fela, 1905-1987
- Starer, Robert
- Stern, Isaac, 1920-2001
- Stevens, Denis, 1922-2004
- Stevens, Risë, 1913-2013
- Stravinsky, Igor, 1882-1971
- Tcherepnin, Alexander, 1899-1977
- Thorne, Francis
- Tourel, Jennie
- Trampler, Walter
- Twining, Nathan
- Varèse, Edgard, 1883-1965
- Varèse, Louise, 1890-1989
- Vötterle, Karl, 1903-1975
- Westergaard, Peter
- Morley, Hilda
- Carnegie Hall (New York, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Babin, Victor To the editor of *Listen*, Cleveland, OH, 3 July 1964 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s	box 1
Bacon, Ernst To Leonard Altman, Middletown, CT, 12 Dec 1963- 19 Feb 1964 Physical Description: 2 a.l.s.	box 1
Beardslee, Bethany To Leonard Altman, Princeton NJ, 16 Aug 1962 - 1 Oct 1962	box 1

Physical Description: 4 a.l.s.

Beardslee, Bethany To Leonard Altman, Princeton NJ, 16 Aug 1962 - 1 Oct 1962 Physical Description: 4 a.l.s.	box 1
Bentley, Eric Russell To Leonard Altman, v.p., 7 Dec 1963 - 1982 Physical Description: 4 t.l.s , 5 t.p.c.s.	box 1
Biggs, E. Power To Joseph Dash, Cambridge, MA, 14 March 1976 Physical Description: 2 a.l.s.	box 1
Brown, Earle Homer To Leonard Altman, v.p., 25 June 1964 - 18 Aug 1964 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s,; 2 t.ms.s.	box 1
Carlisle, Kitty To Leonard Altman, v.p., various [1984 - 1993] Physical Description: 1 t.l.s,; 4 a.l.s.	box 1
Demus, Jorg To Leonard Altman, Vienna, 23 June 1981 - 21 July 1981 Physical Description: 2 t.l.s.	box 1
Duke, Vernon To Leonard Altman, Pacific Palisades, CA & Paris, 6 Jan 1964 - 24 May 1966 Physical Description: 9 t.l.s,; 17 a.p.c.s,; 17 a.l.s,; 7 t.ms.	box 1
Faberman, Harold To Leonard Altman, [New York], [18 May 1964] Physical Description: 1 a.n.s.	box 1
Feldman, Morton To [the editor of "Listen"], New York, 25 March 1964 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Fortas, Abe To Leonard Altman, Washington, 25 Nov 1963 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Fuleihan, Anis To Leonard Altman, Tunis, 11 Feb 1963 Physical Description: 2 t.l.s	box 1
Gebhard, Heinrich To Leonard Altman, Brookline, MA, 4 May 1950 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Schonberg, Harold C. To Leonard Altman, New York, 26 Nov 1963 - 7 Sept. 1964	box 1

Physical Description: 2 t.l.s.

Kassern, Tadeusz To Leonard Altman, [New York], 10 June 1950 Physical Description: 2 a.l.s. **Scope and Contents** [With 2 snapshots of Kassern, taken at Rev. Hebert Owen's house]	box 1
Malraux, Madeleine Lioux (Mme. Andre) To Leonard Altman, v.p., various [1973] Physical Description: 5 a.l.s,; 1 a.n.s,; 2 t.l.s.	box 1
Meyerowitz, Jan [To Leonard Altman], Berlin, 3 May 1964 Physical Description: 10 t.ms.s.	box 1
Milhaud, Darius [To Leonard Altman], [Oakland, CA], [Dec 1962] Physical Description: 1 Christmas cards.	box 1
Nestev, Izrail Vladimirovich To Leonard Altman, Moscow, 28 Ma7 1961 - Dec 1965 Physical Description: 2 t.l.s,; 1 t.p.c.s,; 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Perry, Julia Amanda To Leonard Altman, Akron, OH, [24 Aug 1949] Physical Description: 1 a.p.c.s.	box 1
Previn, Andre To Leonard Altman, [Los Angeles], 11 May 1963 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Reich, Steve To Leonard Altman, n.p., 25 Oct 1978 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Reich, Steve To Leonard Altman, v.p., 25 Oct 1978 - 26 Dec 1991 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s,; 2 a.p.c.s.	box 1
Rochberg, George To Leonard Altman, Newtown Square, PA, 2 Aug 1961 - 28 April 1962 Physical Description: 18 a.l.s.	box 1
Rodgers, Dorothy Feiner (Mrs. Richard) To Leonard Altman, [New York], [2 Feb 1980] Physical Description: 2 a.l.s.	box 1
Sargeant, Winthrop To Leonard Altman, [New York], 27 Nov 1963	box 1

Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.

Schonberg, Harold C. To Leonard Altman, New York, 26 Nov 1963 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Schuller, Gunther To Leonard Altman, v.p., various [1962-1988] Physical Description: 5 a.l.s,; 3 a.n.s,; 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Secrest, Meryle To Leonard Altman, v.p., 23 May 1991 - 2 Jan 1992 Physical Description: 4 t.l.s.	box 1
Sessions, Roger To Rebecca La Brecque, v.p., 26 May 1979 - 21 July 1980 Physical Description: 1 a.l,; 6 a.l.s,; 1 a.p.c.s.	box 1
Shapey, Ralph To Leonard Altman, v.p., [27 June 1963 - 31 Dec 1987] Physical Description: 1 t.l.s,; 15 a.l.s,; 3 a.p.c.s,; 1 p.l,; 1 and a.n.s.	box 1
Sokolow, Anna To Leonard Altman, [New York], [11 July 1990 - 20 Jan 1991] Physical Description: 1 a.l.s,; 2 a.p.c.s.	box 1
Sowande, Fela To Leonard Altman, v.p., 8 May 1962 - 17 June 1966 Physical Description: 2 a.l.s,; 2 t.l.s.	box 1
Starer, Robert & Johanna (Mrs. Robert) To Leonard Altman, [Rome], 19 Nov 1964 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Stern, Isaac To Leonard Altman, New York, 11 Nov 1974 - 3 Jan 1991 Physical Description: 2 t.l.s.	box 1
Stern, Vera Lindenblit (Mrs. Isaac) To Leonard Altman, New York, 5 Dec 1991 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Stevens, Denis To James Goodfriend, South Croydon, UK, 10 July 1964 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Stevens, Rise To [Leonard Altman], n.p., n.y. Physical Description: 1 Christmas card	box 1
Stravinsky, Igor A Cure for V.D. [Vernon Duke], New York, 14 Aug 1964	box 1

Physical Description: 4 t.ms.

Tcherepnin, Alexander & Ming Lee To [Leonard Altman], Bach, Switz., [Nov 1964] Physical Description: 1 Christmas card	box 1
Thorne, Francis Burritt, Jr. To Leonard Altman, New York, 3 April 1984 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Tourel, Jennie To Leonard Altman, New York, 4 June 1969 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Trampler, Walter To Leonard Altman, [Polensa, Mallorca, Sp.], 13 Sept. 1962 Physical Description: 4 a.l.s.	box 1
Twining, Nathan To Leonard Altman, [Baltimore], 20 Sept 1972 Physical Description: 1 a.l.s. **Scope and Contents** [This concerto was first performed on 20 Sept 1972 by Nathan Twining & Martin Berkofsky.]	box 1
Varese, Louise McCutcheon (Mrs. Edgar) To Leonard Altman, [New York], [18 Nov 1965] Physical Description: 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Votterle, Karl To Leonard Altman, Frankfurt/Main, 27 Aug 1963 - 30 Sept 1963 Physical Description: 4 t.l.s.	box 1
Westergaard, Peter To Leonard Altman, New York, 4 April 1962 Physical Description: 1 t.l.s.	box 1
Wolpe, Hilda Morley To Leonard Altman, New York, 20 Aug 1981 - 30 Jan 1982 Physical Description: 4 t.l.s.	box 1

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Carnegie Hall Letters, memoranda, lists, printed items, etc., New York City	box 2
Foster, Norman Recipe, members' book, invitation, program, essay: "Why?"	box 2

Rudhyar, Dane (1895-1985) Pamphlet, clipping *Human Dimensions* Vol. 4, No. 3, signed	box 2
Shapey, Ralph (1921-) Letters, program, and clippings	box 2
USSR Lists, essays, clippings. letters	box 2
Varese, Edgard (1883-1965) Essays, lectures	box 2
Miscellaneous correspondence, essays, lists, programs	box 2

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