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Summary

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Creator History

An American musicologist and editor, Nathan Broder was born in New York City on December 1, 1905. Although he attended City College of New York his musical knowledge was largely self-taught. He was associated editor of the *Musical Quarterly* (1945-1967), manager of publications for the music publisher G. Schirmer (1945-1954), chairman of the publication committee of the American Musicological Society (1952-1954), executive director of the American Section of RISM (1961-1965) and music editor at W.W. Norton & Co., New York (1963-1967).

Broder taught at Columbia University as a lecturer (1946-1952) and then as associate professor (1959-1962). He served as president of the American Musicological Society (1963-1964).

In addition to writing about seventy articles for the German encyclopedia *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, Broder held a particular interest in Mozart, publishing an edition of his sonatas and

fantasias (1956) as well as a compilation of his opera librettos, *The Great Operas of Mozart* (1962). He also wrote numerous reviews for the periodical *High Fidelity*.

Broder died in New York City on December 18, 1967.

Scope and Content Note

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A substantial portion of the collection deals with Broder's relationship to the German encyclopedia *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. *Series I* (Box 1) consists of correspondence to and from the encyclopedia's editors and includes drafts and galley proofs. *Series II* (Box 2) contains a collection of the articles Broder contributed to the encyclopedia.

Similarly substantive is *Series III* (Boxes 3-4) consisting of material relating to Broder's interest in Mozart, resulting in the publication of his book *The Great Operas of Mozart* as well as the scores to the composer's sonatas and fantasias.

Series IV contains paperwork from Broder's second stint teaching at Columbia University. (There are no papers from Broder's earlier stint as lecturer, 1946-1952.)

Series V (Boxes 5-11) contains the bulk of the collection, an alphabetically-arranged subject file.

Series VI (Boxes 12-15), the final series of the collection, contains primarily Broder's reviews written for the periodical *High Fidelity*. A single folder (Box 12, folder 4) contains correspondence with the periodical's editors.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Articles
Correspondence
Drafts (documents)
Galley proofs

Subjects

Musicology

Names

Broder, Nathan

Container List

Series 1: Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart correspondence 1954-1967

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Series 2: Articles written for Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart

- b. 2 f. 1 Articles: G
- b. 2 f. 2 Articles: H
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- b. 2 f. 6 Articles: M, N
- b. 2 f. 7 Articles: O
- b. 2 f. 8 Articles: P
- b. 2 f. 9 Articles: R

Series 2: Articles written for Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 10 Articles: S
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Series 3: Mozart

- b. 3 f. 1 Mozart, sonatas and fantasias for piano, Nathan Broder editor
- b. 3 f. 2 Mozart, sonatas and fantasias for piano: Kalmus
- b. 3 f. 3 Mozart sonatas - ads and comment
- b. 3 f. 4 Vereinigte Staaten - MGG
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- b. 4 f. 1 Mozart miscellaneous
- b. 4 f. 2 Mozart discography: piano concertos
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- b. 4 f. 4 Mozart piano sonatas
- b. 4 f. 5 Mozart operas (Schirmer)
- b. 4 f. 6 Mozart book - publication correspondence
- b. 4 f. 7 Mozart piano sonatas - correspondence
- b. 4 f. 8 Mozart sonata in C, K. 309, Photostat of a manuscript
- b. 4 f. 9 Mozart sonatas - photostats

Series 4: Columbia University

- b. 5 f. 1 Spring 1959
- b. 5 f. 2 Miscellaneous
- b. 5 f. 3 Fall 1959
- b. 5 f. 4 Spring 1960
- b. 5 f. 5 Fall 1960
- b. 5 f. 6 Spring 1961
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Series 5: Subject file and correspondence

- b. 5 f. 8 Columbia records
- b. 5 f. 9 Collier's Encyclopedia; Columbia Record Co
- b. 5 f. 10 Cincinnati Symphony
- b. 5 f. 11 University of California-Berkeley lecture; UCLA May 2, 1966
- b. 5 f. 12 Nathan Broder - Health examination report 1964
- b. 5 f. 13 Nathan Broder - Early notebooks and stories
- b. 5 f. 14 Broder Fund
- b. 6 f. 1 Barber, Samuel
- b. 6 f. 2 American Musicological Society
- b. 6 f. 3 The wind instruments in Mozart's symphonies - Nathan Broder
- b. 6 f. 4 Examples for book
- b. 6 f. 5 Materials for Mozart research (John Emerson)
- b. 6 f. 6 Consumer's Union
- b. 6 f. 7 Decca

Series 5: Subject file and correspondence (cont.)

- b. 6 f. 8 E (correspondence to and from persons whose names start with D and E)
- b. 6 f. 9 Educational Testing Service meeting, July 19-21, 1965
- b. 6 f. 10 EICO amplifier instruction manual
- b. 6 f. 11 Einstein, Alfred and Hertha
- b. 6 f. 12 Encyclopedia Americana
- b. 6 f. 13 Etude
- b. 6 f. 14 Experiences Anonymes
- b. 6 f. 15 Ferand, Ernest
- b. 6 f. 16 Folders, empty; labeled, some notated
- b. 7 f. 1 Ford Foundation
- b. 7 f. 2 Fulbright
- b. 7 f. 3 Guggenheim
- b. 7 f. 4 IAML, MLA, IIMS - Correspondence
- b. 7 f. 5 Inter-American Music Bulletin
- b. 7 f. 6 House of Representatives - Copyright bill
- b. 7 f. 7 International Inventory of Music Sources
- b. 8 f. 1 Jander, Owen - A catalogue of the MSS of compositions by Alessandro Stradella
- b. 8 f. 2 Juilliard Review
- b. 8 f. 3 Juilliard School
- b. 8 f. 4 Kinkeldey article
- b. 8 f. 5 L - correspondence
- b. 8 f. 6 Lang, Paul Henry - correspondence
- b. 8 f. 7 Le Lieu Théâtral a la Renaissance
- b. 8 f. 8 Lippincott Miscellaneous
- b. 8 f. 9 The Louisville Project
- b. 9 f. 1 M - correspondence
Includes some from the Music Library Association.
- b. 9 f. 2 Music Library Association (MLA) - List of members and institutions 1959
- b. 9 f. 3 Music Library Association - Notes
- b. 9 f. 4 Postcards from Phil Miller
- b. 9 f. 5 Musical Quarterly
- b. 9 f. 6 Musicology Report 1932-1938
- b. 9 f. 7 N - correspondence and miscellaneous
Includes correspondence with W. W. Norton.
- b. 9 f. 8 The New York Times
- b. 9 f. 9 Norton - Persichetti
- b. 10 f. 1 La Nuit de Paques
- b. 10 f. 2 New York University - Martin Bernstein Room - correspondence
- b. 10 f. 3 O - correspondence
- b. 10 f. 4 Opera in the U.S. - photos
- b. 10 f. 5 History of orchestra - notes

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- b. 10 f. 6 P - correspondence
- b. 10 f. 7 The Piano Quarterly - winter 1960-61
- b. 10 f. 8 Theodore Presser Co
- b. 10 f. 9 R - correspondence
- b. 11 f. 1 RCA Victor
- b. 11 f. 2 The Record Society, N.B.: "Music for the age of calorie counters"
- b. 11 f. 3 The Rockefeller Foundation
- b. 11 f. 4 S - correspondence
- b. 11 f. 5 Schirmer centennial
- b. 11 f. 6 Souvenirs
- b. 11 f. 7 T - correspondence
- b. 11 f. 8 U - correspondence
- b. 11 f. 9 United States Information Service, N.B.: "Literature of opera in the U.S."
- b. 11 f. 10 V - correspondence
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- b. 12 f. 2 Articles 2
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- b. 12 f. 5 Reviews: Bach 1 (printed)
- b. 12 f. 6 Reviews: Bach 2
- b. 13 f. 1 Reviews: Bach 3
- b. 13 f. 2 Mozart: Miscellaneous articles
- b. 13 f. 3 Reviews: Mozart 1
- b. 13 f. 4 Reviews: Mozart 2
- b. 13 f. 5 Reviews: Mozart 3 (printed)
- b. 14 f. 1 Reviews: Abbey Singers - Buxtehude
- b. 14 f. 2 Reviews: Byrd - Delalande
- b. 14 f. 3 Reviews: Deller Consort - Le Groupe des...
- b. 15 f. 1 Reviews: Haas - Isaac
- b. 15 f. 2 Reviews: Italian chamber music - Paris Baroque Ensemble