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Alan Lessem fonds

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Summary information

Repository: York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)

Title: Alan Lessem fonds

ID: F0243

Date: [1956]-1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.24 metres of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Alan Phillip Lessem, professor and musicologist, was born 29 November 1940 in Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zambia) and educated at the University of Cape Town where he received his BA and B.Mus., both in 1963, and Cambridge where he received his M.Litt. in 1967. He taught at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem and the Telma Yellin School in Tel-Aviv before enrolling at the University of Illinois, Urbana where he completed a Ph.D in Musicology in 1973. He is a founding member of the Department of Music at York University and was a lecturer, assistant and associate professor there from 1970 until his death. He was the Chair of the Department of Music at York from 1975-1982 and Associate Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts from 1985-1988. He is the author of the book "Music and Text in the Works of Arnold Schoenberg : The Critical Years, 1908-1922" as well as the author of numerous essays, articles and reviews that have appeared both in scholarly journals in published collections. In addition to his academic career, he was also an accomplished pianist, cellist and composer. He died on 10 October 1991 in Toronto.

Custodial history

Evelyn Lessem gave her husband's records to the Sound and Moving Image Library of York University Libraries in approximately 1994. The fonds was transferred to Archives and Special Collections in 2003.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of copies of published and unpublished papers, journal articles, conference papers and reviews written by Lessem, course material, a copy of his M.Litt thesis, "The Style and Structure of Frescobaldi's Keyboard Ricercari and Fantasias", and other material that documents his career as an academic.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

To be determined

Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accession: 2003-002. Further accruals may be expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Music (subject)
- York University professors, lecturers, and educators (subject)

Collection holdings

File: 2003-002/001(01) - Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

Title: Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

ID: 2003-002/001(01)

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(02) - Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

Title: Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

ID: 2003-002/001(02)

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(03) - Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

Title: Musical Offerings to Alexander L. Ringer From His Students

ID: 2003-002/001(03)

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(04) - Published Papers (Journal Articles)

Title: Published Papers (Journal Articles)

ID: 2003-002/001(04)

Date: 1974-1975, 1982 1986,1988 - 1989 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(05) - Published Papers (Journal Articles)

Title: Published Papers (Journal Articles)

ID: 2003-002/001(05)

Date: 1974-1975, 1982 1986,1988 - 1989 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(06) - Published Papers (Journal Articles)

Title: Published Papers (Journal Articles)

ID: 2003-002/001(06)

Date: 1974-1975, 1982 1986,1988 - 1989 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(07) - Curriculum Vitae, Lessem

Title: Curriculum Vitae, Lessem

ID: 2003-002/001(07)

Date: 1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/001(08) - M.L.H Thesis

Title: M.L.H Thesis

ID: 2003-002/001(08)

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(01) - Conference Papers

Title: Conference Papers

ID: 2003-002/002(01)

Date: 1974-1977, 1979, 1982 1984 -1985, 1987 - 1989, 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(02) - Conference Papers

Title: Conference Papers

ID: 2003-002/002(02)

Date: 1974-1977, 1979, 1982 1984-1985, 1987-1989, 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(03) - Obituaries

Title: Obituaries

ID: 2003-002/002(03)

Date: 1991-1992 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(04) - 'Press'/ Recitals/ Reviews

Title: 'Press'/ Recitals/ Reviews

ID: 2003-002/002(04)

Date: [1956?], 1957, 1960 1962-1963, 1975-1976, 1982 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(05) - Book (Off-Print)

Title: Book (Off-Print)

ID: 2003-002/002(05)

Date: 1992, 1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(06) - To Be Published

Title: To Be Published

ID: 2003-002/002(06)

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(07) - Reviews

Title: Reviews

ID: 2003-002/002(07)

Date: 1966, 1974, 1976, 1979 1984, 1988, 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(08) - Lectures and Colloquia

Title: Lectures and Colloquia

ID: 2003-002/002(08)

Date: 1985-1987, 1989-1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(09) - Work in Progress - Music and Technology 1991 - Preparation for Conference (see correspondence)

Title: Work in Progress - Music and Technology 1991 - Preparation for Conference (see correspondence)

ID: 2003-002/002(09)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(10) - Unpublished Papers

Title: Unpublished Papers

ID: 2003-002/002(10)

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2003-002/002(11) - Modernism, INFA, 3310, 5110.

Title: Modernism, INFA, 3310, 5110.

ID: 2003-002/002(11)

Date: 1990-1992 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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