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# Letters and other papers relating to Menuhin's involvement with the film industry

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# **Summary**

Creator: Menuhin, Yehudi, 1916-1999

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Date: 1947 Sept. 11-1948 Sept 2

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**Abstract:** An American violinist, Yehudi Menuhin was engaged in 1947 by Two Continent Pictures to appear and play in a projected moving picture named Delirium and an associated short movie; and later for a series of short films. He suggested changes in the script and performed the Mendelssohn Concerto for Delirium, but the picture apparently was not completed, nor were the short films although 22 reels were recorded and photographed. 4 letters from Yehudi Menuhin, including 2 TLS and 1 ALS, to representatives of Two Continent Pictures, chiefly Paul Gordon; 3 letters to Menuhin, including 2 TLS from Gordon; copy sent to Gordon of TL from Menuhin to his uncle and lawyer, Sidney Ehrman; TLS from Ehrman's associate Louis Heilbron to Paul Gordon; contract; 2 drafts of business agreements, and 2 itineraries. The 13-leaf TLS from Menuhin to Gordon with suggestions for changes in the script of Delirium contains many handwritten emendations, and a 13-leaf typed fair copy of the script suggestions is also included.

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# **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Contracts Itineraries Letters

#### **Titles**

Delirium (Motion picture)

#### **Subjects**

Motion pictures and music

#### **Occupations**

Violinists

#### **Names**

Menuhin, Yehudi, 1916-1999 Gordon, Paul American Music Collection Two Continent Pictures