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Guide to the

Leon Lewis scores

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Summary

Creator: Lewis, Leon

Title: Leon Lewis scores

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Abstract: The Leon Lewis Scores represent the concert music of a New York-based composer who was involved in the broadcasting industry.

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Related Materials:

The Music Division's clipping file on Leon Lewis contains additional biographical information and publicity concerning Leon Lewis.

Creator History

Leon Lewis was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 30, 1890, though he grew up in Chicago. At age 14 he won a scholarship to study with Theodor Leschetizky at the Royal Conservatory in Vienna. In 1910 he returned to the United States and gave piano concerts throughout the country. Lewis eventually turned to theatrical work and scored silent films. During the 1920s he was musical director of radio station WBBM in Chicago. Some time later he became a program director, conductor and

consultant at CBS. Leon Lewis died while on a visit to his daughter in Los Angeles, October 5, 1960.

Scope and Content Note

The Leon Lewis Scores contains music composed by Lewis. There are no papers or other accompanying items. Lewis began composing concert music about 1940. At least one of his works, the Israeli Suite, received a number of performances between 1956 and 1961, including performances by the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and over CBS television. Though Leon Lewis wrote for silent films, none of his works in this genre are included in this collection.

Arrangement: The Leon Lewis Scores are arranged in a single series, alphabetically by title.

Key Terms

Subjects

Instrumental music -- Scores and parts

Vocal music -- Scores and parts

Names

Lewis, Leon

American Music Collection

- f. 17 **Israeli suite.** (Holograph score (one movement consists of ms. reproduction with ms. emendations) ; revised score of Freedom march (ms. reproduction) ; arr. of Pastorale for chamber orchestra ; copyist's score of Romance and hora.)
For orchestra. Contents: The prophet speaks -- Pastorale -- Romance and hora -- Freedom march.
- f. 18 **Jessica.** (Holograph rough copy score ; holograph[?] score in ink on transparent paper.)
For orchestra.