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Summary

Creator: Zukofsky, Paul

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Key Terms

Occupations

Composers

Subjects

Composers -- United States

Music -- Interpretation (Phrasing, dynamics, etc.)

Musical notation

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Drafts (preliminary versions)

Letters (correspondence)

Questionnaires

Names

Zukofsky, Paul

Boykan, Martin

Carter, Elliott, 1908-2012

Colgrass, Michael

Crumb, George

Farberman, Harold, 1929-

Finney, Ross Lee, 1906-1997

Glick, Jacob

Lewin, David, 1933-2003

Luening, Otto, 1900-1996

Martino, Donald, 1931-2005

Marx, Josef, 1913-1978

Moevs, Robert, 1920-2007

Persichetti, Vincent, 1915-1987

Shifrin, Seymour, 1926-

Spies, Claudio

Stone, Kurt, 1911-

Swift, Richard, 1927-2003

American Music Collection

Perspectives of new music