Summary

Creator: Diether, Jack

Title: Jack Diether collection of sound recordings [sound recording]

Date: 1967-1984

Size: 67 tape reels, analog, 7 in.; 67 tape reels, analog, 7 in.

Source: Gift, Doris Diether, 10/16/2001

Abstract: The collection contains recordings of the radio programs which Diether wrote, including the series "The Life of Beethoven." In addition to the programs themselves, sound cues for the programs are included. The collection also contains appearances of Diether as a commentator on radio programs and intermission features from concert broadcasts. In addition to documentaries and commentary, there are recordings of concerts by the New York Mahlerites (today known as The Gustav Mahler Society of New York).

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Creator History
Jack Diether (1919-1987) was a noted musicologist and scholar. He was especially known for his expertise of Gustav Mahler and Anton Bruckner. Over the years, although his major interests remained Mahler and Bruckner, he branched out into many other aspects of music. He was a regular contributor to Chord and Discord, Musical America, American Record Guide, The Villager, The Westsider / Chelsea Clinton News / East Side Express, and wrote articles and reviews for almost all the major music magazines and journals between 1955 and 1986. He also wrote articles for non-musical publications such as Film Quarterly, The Journal of Orgonomy, Psychoanalysis & The Psychological Review, and program notes for many orchestras. He gave a number of lectures and wrote the scripts for six radio programs for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, including the eight-part The Life of Beethoven and programs on Bruckner, Mahler, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Edward Elgar, and the film music of Bernard Herrmann. His record liner notes covered the musical field for almost every major record label. He was a member of the Gustav Mahler Society of America; Gustav Mahler Society, USA; Music Critics Association; National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; and the Dance Critics Association, for which he presented some panels on music, including one with conductors of dance music. The New York Mahlerites, which he co-founded with Nancy Karlins Thoman in 1976, presented annual concerts from 1977 on, offering such rare works as Mahler's Piano Quartet movement, the Songs to Josephine, concert highlights from the Weber-Mahler "Die drei Pintos," and a dance version of "Blumine," choreographed and performed by ballerina Sallie Wilson. The Society, under his leadership, partly sponsored William Carragan's completion of the Bruckner Ninth Symphony, performed in 1985 by the Utrecht Symphony Orchestra and later released in a recording with the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Yoav Talmi on the Chandos label.

Custodial History
The Jack Diether collection was donated to the archives by Mrs. Jack Diether in 2001

Scope and Content Note
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Arrangement: The collection is organized in the following series: I. Life of Beethoven II. New York Mahlerites Performances III. Composer documentaries IV. Sound cues

Key Terms
Names
Diether, Jack
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Bruckner, Anton, 1824-1896
Elgar, Edward, 1857-1934
Herrmann, Bernard, 1911-1975
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Vaughan Williams, Ralph, 1872-1958
New York Mahlerites
Life of Beethoven.

The Life of Beethoven was first produced as a 7 part series in 1970. A revised 8 part version was produced in 1971/72, with the addition of a new episode The Conflict. The order and titles of the episodes are:

Part 1: Beethoven in Bonn
Part 2: The Young Virtuoso
Part 3: The Exile
Part 4: The Eternal Feminine
Part 5: The Aftermath
Part 6: The Obsession
Part 7: The Conflict
Part 8: De Profundis

Part 5 The Aftermath and Part 6 The Obsession were not re-recorded for the revised version.

Aftermath., May 4, 1970
*LDC 31257 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Bagatelles, piano, Wo0 59, A minor
Fur elise
The aftermath
Credits and closing announcements
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Ludwig van
Contents: The aftermath (59:01) -- Credits and closing announcements (2:04) -- Fur elise / Ludwig van Beethoven.

Beethoven in Bonn., January 1972
*LDC 31259 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)
Ariette tir’e de l’operette Das rothe Kaeppchen, Es war einmal ein alter Mann, vari’e
Opening announcements
Introduction by Jack Diether
Credits and closing announcements
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Ludwig van
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Revised version
Contents: Opening announcements (00:21) -- Introduction by Jack Diether (5:20) -- Beethoven in Bonn (50:38) -- Credits and closing announcements (1:47) -- Variations on a theme by Dittersdorf / Ludwig van Beethoven (7:29).

Beethoven in Bonn., March 11, 1970
*LDC 31253 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Ariette tir’e de l’operette Das rothe Kaeppchen, Es war einmal ein alter Mann, vari’e
Introduction by James Bannerman
Credits and closing announcements
Beethoven, Ludwig van
Contents: Introduction by James Bannerman (3:19) -- Beethoven in Bonn (52:54) -- Credits and closing announcements (1:07) -- Variations on a theme by Dittersdorf / Ludwig van Beethoven (7:19).

Conflict., June 15, 1971
*LDC 31258 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
The Conflict
Credits and closing announcements
Added episode to the revised version
Contents: The conflict (58:19) -- Credits and closing announcements (1:48).

Conflict., June 17, 1971
*LDC 31271 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcements
Contents: Conflict (59:07) -- Credits and closing announcements (1:53).
Life of Beethoven. (cont.)

De profundis,. September 7, 1970
*LDC 31275 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcements
Original in: "LT-7-A 1525.Contents: De profundis (56:31) -- Credits and closing announcements
(1:20).

De profundis,. June 30, 1971
*LDC 31270 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcements
Original version - not used. Preservation copy in: "LT-10 12407. Access to original items
restricted. Original in: "LT-7-A 1527.Contents: De profundis (59:13) -- Credits and closing
announcements (1:54).

De profundis,. August 31, 1971
*LDC 31276 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, paper-based ; 7 in.)
Revised version Preservation copy in: "LT-10 12393. Access to original items restricted.
Original in: "LT-7-A 1540.Contents: De profundis (57:35) -- Credits and closing announcements
(1:44).

Eternal feminine,. May 1970
*LDC 31274 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcements
Original in: "LT-7-A 1523.Contents: Eternal feminine (57:55) -- Credits and closing announcements
(1:46).

Eternal feminine,. March 1, 1972
*LDC 31256 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Fidelio (1814). SelectionsThe Eternal FeminineCredits and closing announcementsBeethoven,
Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Revised version Preservation copy in: "LT-10 12387. Access to original items restricted.
Original in: "LT-7-A 1536.Contents: The Eternal Feminine (57:16) -- Credits and closing announcements

Exile,. January 1972
*LDC 31254 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
The ExileCredits and closing announcementsUnidentified work for solo piano
Original in: "LT-7-A 1535.Contents: The Exile (56:47) -- Credits and closing announcements
(2:14) -- Unidentified work for solo piano (6:48).

Exile,. April 23, 1970
*LDC 31273 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono ; 7 in.)
Sonatas, piano, no. 14, op. 27, no. 2, C# minorSonata, c# min, op. 27, #2 - movements 1 and
2Credits and closing announcementsMaster of musical pathos, exerpt, NWDR [n.d.]Beethoven,
Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Original in: "LT-7-A 1522.Contents: Exile (51:33) -- Credits and closing announcements (2:14)
-- Sonata, c# min, op. 27, #2 - movements 1 and 2 / Ludwig van Beethoven (7:32) -- Master of
musical pathos, exerpt, NWDR [n.d.] (1:59).
Life of Beethoven. (cont.)

**Obsession.** May 1970
*LDC 31278 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, paper-based ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcementsUnidentified work


**Young virtuoso.** 1970
*LDC 31255 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Septet, op. 20, E flat major. Adagio, allegro con brioSeptet, op.20 (movements 5, 6 and 7)The young virtuosoCredits and Closing ArgumentsBeethoven, Ludwig vanBeethoven

**Young virtuoso.** January 1972
*LDC 31272 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, paper-based ; 7 in.)
Credits and closing announcementsUnidentified work


**New York Mahlerites performances.**

**New York Mahlerites concert.** June 2, 1977
*LT-7 6783 (1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.)

**New York Mahlerites concert.** June 12, 1978
*LT-7 6784 (1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.)
New York Mahlerites performances. (cont.)

New York Mahlerites concert., June 15, 1979
*L-T-7 6785 (1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.)
Symphonies, no. 9, D minor; arr. Finale
Licht in der Nacht / Waldseligkeit / Hymne / Erkennende / Ekstase / Symphonies, no. 10; arr. Finale
Foster, Donald / Carragan, William / Woitach, Richard / Nudelman, Paul / Metz, Jeryl / Orel, Alfred, 1889-1967 / Block, Frederick
The New York Mahlerites: Donald Foster, Richard Woitach, William Carragan, Paul Nudelman, piano ; Jeryl Metz, soprano. Performed at the studio of the Oliver-Greer Keyboard Craftsmen, W. 31st St., NYC. List of performers and works on file. The Bruckner Symphony was arranged and completed for 2 pianos from the Alfred Orel score by William Carragan, assisted by Paul Nudelman. The Mahler Symphony was transcribed for 2 pianos from the manuscript sketch by Frederick Block. The concert also included 5 songs by G. Mahler missing from the recording. Contents: Symphonies, no. 9, D minor; arr. Finale / Anton Bruckner -- Licht in der Nacht / Alma Mahler -- Waldseligkeit / Alma Mahler -- Hymne / Alma Mahler -- Erkennende / Alma Mahler -- Ekstase / Alma Mahler -- Symphonies, no. 10; arr. Finale / Gustav Mahler.

New York Mahlerites concert., July 7, 1980
*L-T-7 6786 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 7 1/2 ips ; 7 in.)
New York Mahlerites / Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Performed at the Austrian Institute, E. 52nd St., NYC.

New York Mahlerites concert., June 10, 1981
*L-T-7 6787 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 7 1/2 ips, stereo. ; 7 in.)
New York Mahlerites / Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Performed at the Abraham Goodman House, W. 67th St., NYC.

New York Mahlerites concert., June 15, 1982
*L-T-7 6788 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 7 1/2 ips, stereo. ; 7 in.)
New York Mahlerites / Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC.
New York Mahlerites performances. (cont.)


*LT-7 6789 (1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.)

Preludes, organ
Equale, trombones (4), WoO 30
Aequale, trombones (3)

Knaben Wunderhorn. Irdische Leben
Knaben Wunderhorn. Rheinlegendchen
Lieder und Gesange aus der Jugendzeit.
Nicht wiedersehen
Lieder und Gesange aus der Jugendzeit.
Scheiden und Meiden

Preludes, organ, C major
Ekstase
Erkennende

Lieder (1910). Ich atmet' einen linden Duft
Lieder nach Ruckert. Ich atmet' einen linden Duft
Lieder nach Ruckert. Um Mitternacht

Cantrell, Scott
Carragan, William
Rogers, Andrea
Goodzeit, piano
Barr, Paul
Pierce, Terry
Speziale, Anthony
Kenreich, Glen
Vondra, Mimi
Rogers, Paul
Woerner, Danielle
Goodzeit, Andrea
Bacchus, Peter
Zahab, Roger
Columbia, Marya
Gilmore, Clifford
Miller, Daniel
Tregellas, Patricia
Holz, Doris
Meyerson, Janice
Bruckner, Anton
Beethoven, Ludwig
Mahler, Gustav
Alma

Woerner, Danielle Goodzeit, Andrea Bacchus, Peter, 1954-
Zahab, Roger
Columbia, Marya
Gilmore, Clifford
Miller, Daniel
Tregellas, Patricia
Holz, Doris
Meyerson, Janice, 1950-
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911
Bruckner, Anton, 1824-1896
Alma, 1879-1964

The New York Mahlerites: Scott Cantrell, William Carragan, organ ; Paul Rogers, Andrea Goodzeit, piano ; Paul Barr, Terry Pierce, Anthony Speziale, Glen Kenreich, trombone ; Mimi Vondra, Danielle Woerner, Doris Holz, soprano ; Janice Meyerson, mezzo-soprano ; Peter Bacchus, flute ; Roger Zahab, Marya Columbia, violins ; Clifford Gilmore, viola ; Daniel Miller, cello ; Michael Egan, double bass ; Patricia Tregellas, accordion. Performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NYC.


Composer documentaries.
Includes interviews in which composers' lives and works are discussed as well as documentaires

Bernard Hermann, film composer., 1978

*LT-7 6773 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)

Herrmann, Bernard


Discussion of Beethoven's Egmont.

*LT-7 6774 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)

Diether, Jack
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827

Jack Diether, speaker. Recorded for the CBC.

Discussion of Mahler's Third Symphony., February 5, 1973

*LT-7 6775 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)

Symphonies, no. 3
Diether, Jack
Lavine, Oscar
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911

Jack Diether interviewed by Oscar Lavine on WBAI. (Recorded 2/2/73)

Discussion of Mahler., November 5, 1967

*LDC 31283 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)

Intermission feature
Diether, Jack
Bookspan, Martin

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Broadcast, Discussion with Martin Bookspan. Preservation copy in: *LT-10 12415. Access to original items restricted. Original in: *LT-7-A 1531. Contents:
Intermission feature (12:08).

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Composer documentaries. (cont.)

Discussion of Mahler., January 11, 1968
*LDC 31283 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
DiscussionDiether, Jack

Hands across the sea., February 3, 1968
*LDC 31283 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Das Knaben WunderhornDas Klagende LiedDas Klagende Lied (part 2)Das Knaben Wunderhorn (selections)Opening announcementsInterview beginsInterview continuesInterview concludes/ closing announcementsMahler, Gustav, 1860-1911Diether, JackNeuman, HermanMahler, Gustav

Life of Vaughan Williams., April 4, 1972
*LDC 31279 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Symphonies, no.8, D minorSymphony #8 - excerptUnidentified workOpening announcementsLife of Vaughan Williams, 7/3/72Vaughan Williams, RalphVaughan Williams, Ralph, 1872-1958

The listening room., June 14, 1974
*LDC 31283 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
Das Knaben WunderhornSymphonies, no. 8Das Knaben Wunderhorn (part 1)Symphony #8 (conclusion)Discussion beginsDiscussion continuesDiscussion concludesDiether, JackSherman, Robert, 1932-Mahler, GustavMahler, Gustav, 1860-1911

Mahler the surrealist., October 13, 1970
*LT-7 6776 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911Diether, Jack
"Defective at start." Recorded at Wheaton College.

Mahler the surrealist., October 20, 1970
*LT-7 6777 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)
Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911Diether, Jack
First 60 min. only. Recorded in Potsdam.

An obituary tribute to Jascha Horenstein., July 17, 1973
*LDC 31264 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, polyester-based, stereo.)
Composer documentaries. (cont.)

Portrait of Anton Bruckner.
*LDC 31265 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
A portrait of Anton BrucknerCredits and closing announcementsBruckner, Anton, 1824-1896Chesterman, RobertCanadian Broadcasting Corporation

Portrait of Gustav Mahler., February 1968
*LDC 31260 (3 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based, mono. ; 7 in.)
A portrait of Gustav MahlerCredits and closing announcementsUnidentified fragmentMahler, Gustav, 1860-1911Chesterman, RobertDalstan, DerekTaylor, LeeBrinson, RoyCarlson, LillianHaworth, PeterBuck, WilliamBrockington, PeterSwitzer, BobCanadian Broadcasting Corporation

Portrait of Sir Edward Elgar.
*LDC 31262 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, stereo. ; 7 in.)
Opening announcementsCredits and closing announcementsSelf-deleted portion of cue 1Elgar, Edward, 1857-1934

A radio talk on Mahler's 8th symphony., August 24, 1948
*LTC 1254 (1 sound tape reel : analog, paper-based ; 10 in.)
Symphonies, no. 8Mahler, Gustav, 1860-1911

Sound cues.

Bernard Hermann cues.
*LT-7 6772 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)
Sound cues for the radio documentary Bernard Hermann, film composer. Includes 1 replacement cue for The life of Beethoven.

Film music cues., September 1, 1974
*LT-7 6778 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 3 3/4 ips, mono. ; 7 in.)
Sound cues for lecture on film music.

*LDC 31277 (1 sound tape reel : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Life of Beethoven. Conflict. Voice track
Sound cues. (cont.)

Life of Beethoven. De profundis. Voice track, May 19, 1971
*LDC 31277 (2 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, acetate-based ; 7 in.)
Voice test of Eric Schneider (Karl van Beethoven)Voice track for part 8Unidentified fragmentVoice track for part 8 continued

Portrait of Sir Edward Elgar cues.
*L T-7 6780
*L T-7 6781 (3 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.)
Elgar, Edward. 1857-1934
Music cues for the radio documentary Portrait of Sir Edward Elgar.