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HOWARD LEYTON-BROWN

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**Biographical Sketch:** Howard Leyton-Brown was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1918. He began violin lessons at the age of seven and at twelve, obtained a three year university scholarship, eventually graduating with a Diploma of Music from Melbourne University. In 1937, Leyton-Brown moved to England with his mother and sister, where he continued to study the violin. He also went on to study in Germany and Belgium.

With the advent of the Second World War, Leyton-Brown joined the Royal Air Force, spending time in Estevan, Saskatchewan as an instructor as well as flying with the bombing command, which led to his receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1948, Leyton-Brown joined the London Philharmonic Orchestra as deputy concertmaster, eventually becoming concertmaster.

Doubts about the future of the London Philharmonic brought Leyton-Brown back to Estevan where he began to search for employment in Canada's music world. In 1952 he became head of the string department at the Conservatory of Music in Regina. In 1955, he became Director of the Conservatory, a position which he occupied until his retirement in June of 1986. His activities within the Department of Music at the University of Regina led to a Full Professorship in 1966. As well, Leyton-Brown has been an integral part of the Regina Symphony Orchestra, conducting the Symphony from 1960 to 1971 and becoming concertmaster in the mid-seventies. In 1971, Leyton-Brown completed a Doctorate of Musical Arts and Musical Performance at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Leyton-Brown was appointed to the Canada Council for a four year term (1971-1974) and was actively involved with the Saskatchewan Arts Board, as a member from 1966 to 1972, and as Director in 1967. He was also appointed to the Order of Canada in 1987. Leyton-Brown has performed internationally and many of his students have gone on to play in major symphonies in Canada, the United States, and overseas. He continued to teach violin and viola at the Conservatory after his retirement as its Director.

Additional files pertaining to Howard Leyton-Brown exist within the Conservatory of Music collections.

This collection includes one (1) artifact, twenty-one (21) photographs, twenty-eight (28) oversize items, one (1) video home systems (VHS) tape, and a watercolor of a costume design by Art McKay.

**Note on Arrangement:** This collection was donated to the Archives and Special Collections by Howard's son Ken Leyton-Brown over a period of months between 2018 and 2019 following the death of his father. Ken prepared the file titles and wrote material located in the biographical folder. Knight Wilson, who preceded Howard Leyton-Brown at the Regina Symphony Orchestra began the collection of programs which make up a large part of the collection, the Archives staff numbered and sleeved the photographs and photocopied newspaper clippings for preservation purposes. This collection ranges in date from 1946 to 2016 and is open to researchers.

**Related Accessions:** 87-16

Box 1		Appointment Letter (Howard Leyton-Brown)	
	1	Appointment of Attorney for Francis Emily Leyton-Brown	1946
		Awards and Certificates (Howard Leyton-Brown)	
	2	Canada Red Cross – Water Safety Service	1978-1979
	3	Celebrate Saskatchewan – Certificate of Participation	1980
	4	CJME 13 Radio Station – Good Guy of the Day	1970
	5	Education, Department of Victoria, Swimming and Lifesaving Medal [Includes: Artifact #1]	n.d.
	6	Fleischman's Run Canada Week	1983
	7	Government of Canada Member of Canada Council [Includes: Oversize #1]	1971
	8	Guildhall School of Music and Drama - Diploma Licentiate (Performers), 1952 - Fellow of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 1955 [Includes: Oversize #2 - #3]	1952, 1955
	9	International Music Camp - Distinguished Service Award, 1983 - Honorary Member, 1974	1974, 1983
	10	Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour	2015
	11	Lieutenant Governor's Military Pin	2013
	12	North Dakota International Peace Gardener	n.d.
	13	Order of Canada [Includes: Oversize #4]	1986-1987
	14	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Ceremony [Includes: Photograph #1]	2012
	15	Regina Ladies Choir Certificate of Appreciation	1985
	16	Regina Musicians Association, Local 446 Recognizing Contributions	1989
	17	Regina Symphony Orchestra 20 Years of Service [Includes: Oversize #5]	1989
	18	Regina Symphony Society Life Membership [Includes: Oversize #6]	1978
	19	Saskatchewan Arts Board Lifetime Award for Excellent in the Arts [Includes: Photograph #2]	1991
	20	Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1980
	21	Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Recognizing Participation in the Shaunavon Music Festival [Includes: Oversize #7]	1980
	22	Saskatchewan Order of Merit [Includes: Photograph #3] [Includes: Oversize #8]	1996
	23	University of Melbourne Diploma in Music [Includes: Oversize #9]	1971
	24	University of Michigan Doctor of Musical Arts [Includes: Oversize #10]	1972
	25	University of Regina - Doctor of Laws, 1994 - Quarter Century Club, 1978	1978, 1994
	26	University of Regina Conservatory of Music - Certificate of Appreciation, n.d.	n.d., 2009

## - Certificate of Honours, 2009

	27	Biographical Information Howard Leyton-Brown written by Ken Leyton-Brown	2018
	28	Catalogue Chappell and Company	n.d.
	29	Edwin F. Kalmus Music Publisher	n.d.
	30	Clippings featuring Howard Leyton-Brown 1960s-1990s	[1960-2000]
Box 2	31	Correspondence Correspondence [Includes: Photographs #4 - #7]	[1956-1990]
	32	Greeting Cards from Students	n.d.
	33	Guildhall School of Music and Drama	1945, 1952
	34	Letters of Appreciation (1962-1971, 1975, 1985)	[1962-1985]
CLOSED	35	Letters of Recommendation	1952
	36	Personal (1950s-1970s)	[1950-1980]
	37	Regina Musical Club (1989-1990, 1992-1993, 1998)	[1989-1998]
	38	Related to Radio Broadcasts [Includes: Photographs #8 - #12]	1958-1959
	39	Sabbatical Trip to Europe (Rostal in Switzerland)	1964
	40	Saskatchewan Arts Board	1969, 1971, 1992
	41	Stevenson Airport	1943
	42	University of Melbourne	1937
Box 3	43	Diaries Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963)	1960-1963
	44	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967)	1964-1967
	45	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971)	1968-1971
	46	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975)	1972-1975
	47	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979)	1976-1979
Box 4	48	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983)	1980-1983
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	50	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1999, 2000, 2001)	1999-2001
	51	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 2002, 2003)	2002-2003
	52	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 2004, 2005, 2006)	2004-2006
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	54	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 2009, 2010, 2011)	2009-2011
	55	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 2012, 2013)	2012-2013

	56	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 2014, 2015)	2014-2015
Box 6		Education	
	57	University of Michigan (Doctoral Program) [Includes: Photograph #13]	1952, 1971-1972
		Invitations	
	58	To Howard Leyton-Brown (1951, 1959, 1964, 1965, 1968-1971, 1973-1975, 1983, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2015)	[1951-2015]
		Keynote Address	
	59	Citizenship Ceremony	2004
	60	Conservatory of Music and History	1969
	61	Education Week	n.d.
	62	Music as a Way of Life	1977
	63	Max Rostal	1957, 1971
		Miscellaneous	
	64	Air Force Related (1942, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2001, 2003)	[1942-2003]
	65	Jokes: Conductor, Composer, Percussionist, Drummers and Miscellaneous Musical Jokes	n.d.
	66	Musicians and Composers	n.d.
	67	The Operatic Universe / Opera Chronology	n.d.
	68	Notes and Programs	[1952-1969]
	69	Teaching Material	n.d., 1960, 1966
		Music	
	70	Music Scores	n.d., 1966, 1971
		Newsletters	
	71	Canadian String Teachers Association	1965-1966
	72	University of Saskatchewan Summer School Bulletin	1955
		Papers by Unknown	
	73	- Casals on Film by Harold Schonberg, n.d. - 20 Century Austrian Composers, n.d. - Electronic Music Lecture, 1963 - Special Lecture in Speech and Drama, n.d.	n.d., 1963
	74	Alban Berg Violin Concerto	1935
Box 7		Permission	
	75	University of Regina Department of Media Production and Studies Ashley Scarfe "In the Darke"	2008
		Photographs	

	76	Howard Leyton-Brown with Thomas Manshardt [Includes: Photograph #14]	n.d.
	77	Orchestra [Includes: Photograph #15]	n.d.
	78	Rick Hansen [Includes: Photograph #16]	1997
	Programs		
	79	Calgary Symphony Orchestra	1949-1952
	80	Carnegie Hall	1961-1962
	81	Chicago Symphony Orchestra	1948, 1962
	82	The Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra	1948-1950
	83	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	1935
	84	Edmonton Philharmonic Orchestra	1946-1949
	85	Glyndebourne Festival	1965
	86	Guildhall School and London School	1948, 1951
	87	Hollywood Bowl	1964
	88	Honolulu Symphony Orchestra	1950-1951
	89	Julliard School of Music	1960-1962
	90	Kern Philharmonic Society	1962
	91	London Philharmonic Orchestra	1949-1952
	92	Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra	1930-1931
	93	Mount Royal College Symphony Orchestra	1946-1948
	94	New York Philharmonic	1961-1962
	95	Philadelphia Orchestra	1953-1954
	96	Philharmonic Symphony Society of New York	1944-1945
	97	Philharmonic Symphony Society of New York	1951-1952, 1952-1953
Box 8	98	Pittsburgh Orchestra Association	1930-1931
	99	Regina Symphony Orchestra I (1909, 1926, 1928-1951)	[1909-1951]
	100	Regina Symphony Orchestra II (1952-1956, 1959-1960, 1963-1968, 1970-1971, 1979-1980, 2013, 2016)	[1952-2016]
	101	Royal Albert Hall	1960
	102	Southern Methodist University, Dallas – Congress of Strings	1985
	103	St. Andrew United Church	1959
	104	St. George's Hall	1961
	105	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra	1930-1931, 1961-1962
	106	Toronto Symphony Orchestra	1926-1927, 1932-1933
	107	University of Cincinnati Congress of Strings	1984
	108	University of North Dakota	1960
	109	University of Regina Six-O- Da Capo Alumni Recital [Includes: Video Home Systems (VHS) Tape #1]	1994, 2002
Box 9	110	University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus / Regina College / University of Regina Conservatory of Music Programs Prize Night and Final Concert / Students Directed by Howard Leyton Brown (1952, 1958, 1960-1964, 1976)	[1952-1976]
	111	University of Saskatchewan, Regina Conservatory Opera Group: "Qu'Appelle River Legend" and "Ariadne of Naxos". Set Design by Ken Lochhead; Costume by Arthur McKay; Orchestration by	n.d.

	Howard Leyton Brown (Includes Original Watercolor "Medicine Man" by Arthur McKay)	
112	Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (1937, 1946, 1947, 1951-1952)	[1937-1952]
113	Westminster United Church	1994
114	Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	1964-1965, 1975-1976
115	Zion United Church	1947
	Programs and Posters featuring Howard Leyton-Brown	
116	I	[1940-2012]
117	II	[1940-2012]
118	Calumet College	2011-2012
119	Regina Conservatory Opera Group [Includes: Photographs #17 - #20]	[1954-1961]
120	Regina Symphony Orchestra Symphony Week [Includes: Oversize #11]	1960-1961
121	University of Regina Department of Music Posters [Includes: Oversize #12 - #15]	1998, 2000, 2002-2003
	Programs featuring Howard Leyton-Brown and Myrl Leyton-Brown	
122	Citizenship Court Ceremony	1994, 1997-1999
	Publications featuring Howard Leyton-Brown	
123	The Australian Musical News, (page 20)	1932
124	Calendar	1979
125	The London Gazette (or supplement to): - page 3521, June 20, 1941 - page 1407, March 13, 1945 - page 4702, September 21, 1945	1941, 1945
126	Regina Symphony Orchestra 1988-1989 Season Program	1988-1989
127	The Strad - December 1948	1948
128	University of Regina <i>Degrees</i> - Volume 23, Number 2, Fall/Winter 2011 (page 21) - Volume 24, Number 1, Spring/ Summer 2012 (page 10)	2011-2012
129	University of Regina <i>Review</i> - Volume 4, Number 2, February 1987	1987
	Publications featuring Howard Leyton-Brown and Myrl Leyton-Brown	
130	Recipients of the Order of Canada	1990
	Publications of Interest	
131	CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Company) Times - Volume VIII, Number 34, August 12, 1955 - Volume VIII, Number 35, August 19, 1955 - Volume IX, Number 1, December 23, 1955	[1955-1959]

		- Volume VIII, Number 36, August 26, 1955	
		- Volume IX, Number 7, February 3, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 10, February 24, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 11, March 2, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 20, May 4, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 21, May 11, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 22, May 18, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 23, May 25, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 29, July 6, 1956	
		- Volume IX, Number 30, July 13, 1956	
		- Volume X, Number 14, March 29, 1957	
		- Volume X, Number 32, August 11-17, 1957	
		- Volume VII, Number 21, May 24-30, 1959	
	132	Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Presiding at Citizenship Ceremonies: A Guide for Order of Canada Recipients	1995
Box 10		Composers	
	133	Various I	[1963-1971]
	134	Various II	[1963-1971]
	135	Cornerstone for Culture: A History of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for 1948-1978 by William Riddell	1979
	136	Musical Life (Features Regina and Winnipeg Music) - Volume 1, Number 1, January 1933	1933
	137	One Thousand and One Reasons for Being Proud to be a Canadian	1972
	138	The Regina Conservatory of Music: 75 Years of Growth and Service 1912-1987 by William A. Riddell and Howard Leyton-Brown	1988
	139	Regina Symphony Orchestra 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Roy Borrowman (2 copies)	1983
	140	The Royal Academy of Dancing – Children's Examinations Overseas	1956
	141	Sounds of Music: 1931-1981 A Fifty Year History of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra by Muriel Leeper	1981
	142	Tabs	1965
		- Volume 23, Number 4, December 1965	
	143	World of Strings	n.d. [1961-1970]
		- n.d.	
		- Fall Issue 1961	
		- Fall Issue 1962	
		- Autumn Issue 1965	
		- Spring Issue 1967	
		- Autumn Issue 1968	
		- Spring Issue 1970	
		Publications of Interest (Oversize)	
	144	- Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal (Limited Edition #516), 1967	n.d., 1967
		- Petroglyphs of British Columbia: A Portfolio of rubblings by Karin Morris, n.d.	
		- Sur les bords du Saint-Laurent, Québec Ministry of Tourisme, n.d.	
		- The Texture of a Land, Government of Canada, n.d.	



[Includes: Oversize #16 -#27]

Box 11	Records of Teaching		
	145	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1988, 1989, 1990)	1988-1990
	146	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1991, 1992, 1993)	1991-1993
	147	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1994, 1995, 1996)	1994-1996
	148	Howard Leyton-Brown (Includes Years 1997, 1998)	1997-1998
Box 12	Report		
	149	Psycho Analysis of Vocation and Character of Howard Brown by H. [Tolhurst]	n.d.
	150	First National String Conference	1962
	Survey		
	151	BMI Orchestral Program Survey	1967-1969
	Travel		
	152	China Tour	n.d., 1986
	Myrl Leyton-Brown		
	Awards and Certificates (Myrl Leyton-Brown)		
	153	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne	1977
	154	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne	2002
	155	Canada Day Certificate of Merit	1992
	156	Canadian Citizenship Saskatchewan Canada Day Committee	n.d.
	157	Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan	2005
	158	Council for Canadian Unity – Outstanding Achievement Award	1982, 1990
	159	Grace Haven / Gemma House Advisory Council Member – Certificate of Appreciation	2005
	160	Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Volunteer Recognition	1994
	161	Order of Canada	1985
	[Includes: Oversize #28]		
	[Includes: Photograph #21]		
	162	Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre – Certificate of Distinction for Outstanding Contribution	1983
	163	University of Regina Bachelor of Arts	1975, 1977
	164	University of Regina Master of Arts	1982
	Women's Clubs		
	165	Canadian Federation of University Women, Regina Membership Lists, Annual Reports	1997-1998
	University of Regina Women's Club / University		

	166	Women's Club Notices, Programs, etc. (1980, 1985, 1989, 1995-1998 University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus Faculty Wives Club	[1980-1998]
CLOSED	167	Membership	1972-1973