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Lloyd Sunderman Papers, 1934-1971
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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Lloyd Sunderman began his career as a musician when he received a Bachelor of Music degree from McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Union College. He went on to obtain his M.A. in Music from Syracuse University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Minnesota.

Teaching music became a career for Dr. Sunderman. After receiving his Ph.D., he spent two years teaching in public schools. He was head of vocal and public school music at Hardin and Western Union Colleges, and then an instructor at the University of Minnesota. He served two years as head of the music department at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, and was director of music for ten years at the State Normal School, Oswego, N.Y. He was also director of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis. In 1950, he joined the music faculty at the University of Toledo, where he became the director of Rocket Choristers and chairman of the Department of Music.

The research he did as a part of his profession led to many publications and books. Some of his books include *School Music Teaching – Its Theory and Practice*, *Techniques for Choral Success*, *The Primary Choir: Its Organization and Development*, *Organization of the Church Choir*, and *Historical Foundations of Music Education in the United States*, which utilizes over 20,000 references.

Dr. Sunderman was involved in many activities. He served as chairman of the Music Committee for Toledo Council of Churches, vice president of New York State School Music Association, and president of Oswego Civic Music Association. He was also a member of Directory of American Scholars, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Ohio Music Teachers' Association, Music Teachers' National Association, and much more.

Dr. Sunderman had a very successful career with over 2,000 solo concerts. One of the highlights of his career was a performance by the Rocket Choristers on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1950. He finished his career at the University of Toledo, and passed away in January 1983.

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Scope and Content Note

The Lloyd Sunderman Papers consist of professional papers, recordings, and films of Sunderman and the performances he directed. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

The plurality of the correspondence is between Dr. Sunderman and the then current presidents of the University of Toledo, mainly related to his position at the university. There are also letters to and from Dean C. Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State in 1951, regarding the Japanese Peace Treaty. The correspondence also includes letters to and from persons regarding the Ed Sullivan show.

All of the recordings (audio and visual) are of Lloyd Sunderman and his work with the Rocket Choristers.

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1	1	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – Rocket Choral Group – U.T. fight song
1	2	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – The Rocket Choristers – Zion Lutheran
1	3	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – Toledo High School Chorus
1	4	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – U.T. Choristers
1	5	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – U.T. Choristers WMHE-FM – Reel # 1/CD
1	6	Audio – Lloyd Sunderman – U.T. Choristers WMHE-FM – Reel # 2/CD
1	7	Certificates – American Choral Directors Association
1	8	Correspondence – Letters to/from Lloyd Sunderman arranged alphabetically
1	9	Don Cossack Russian Male Chorus – Russian imperial singers
1	10	Ephemera – Various pictures of Dr. Sunderman and chorus
1	11	Ephemera – Various pictures of Dr. Sunderman and chorus
1	12	Printed Material – Newspaper clippings and printed works associated with Dr. Sunderman
1	13	Publication – “Music” by Lloyd Sunderman
1	14	Publication – PhD thesis of Lloyd Sunderman
1	15	Publication – “History of Public School Music in the United States” by Lloyd Sunderman
1	16	Visual – Lloyd Sunderman – Rocket Choristers(with DVD)
1	17	Visual – Lloyd Sunderman – Rocket Choristers(with DVD)
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