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Abstract: Jacques-Gabriel Prod'homme (1871-1956) was a French music critic and librarian. He translated Wagner's prose works (1907-25) and musical dramas (1922-27) and Beethoven's conversation books (1946). His published works include Hector Berlioz 1803-1869 (1905), La jeunesse de Beethoven, 1770-1800 (1921), and Les sonatas pour piano de Beethoven, 1782-1823 (1937). The collection consists of French, German, English, Mexican, and other newspaper and periodical clippings, holograph notes, programs, books, and photographs relating to Ludwig van Beethoven and concerts of his sonatas, collected by Prod'homme.

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**Biography**
Prod'homme was born on November 28, 1871 in Paris, France; studied philology and music history at the Paris École des Hautes Études Sociales (1890-94), then became a writer on musical and other subjects in the socialist publications, among them *La revue socialiste*, *Droits de l'homme*, and *Messidor*; co-founded the French section of the International Music Society (IMS) in 1902, and served as its secretary (1903-13); co-founded the French Musicological Society in 1917, serving as its secretary (1917-20) and vice-president (1929-36); became curator of the library and archivist of the museum at the Paris Opéra (1931-40); librarian at the Paris Conservatory (1934-40); became a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur (1928); with others, he translated Wagner's prose works (1907-25) and musical dramas (1922-27) and Beethoven's conversation books (1946); published works include *Hector Berlioz 1803-1869* (1905), *La jeunesse de Beethoven, 1770-1800* (1921), and *Les sonatas pour piano de Beethoven, 1782-1823* (1937); he died on June 18, 1956 in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

**Scope and Content**
Collection consists of French, German, English, Mexican, and other newspaper and periodical clippings, holograph notes, programs, books, and photographs relating to Ludwig van Beethoven and concerts of his sonatas, collected by French librarian and music critic Prod'homme.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog:
Beethoven, Ludwig van, 1770-1827.  
Musicologists--France--Archival resources.

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**Prod'homme (Jacques Gabriel) Beethoveniana**

Scope and Content Note
The Prod'homme Collection of Beethoveniana consists of newspaper and periodical clippings, holograph notes, programs, and photographs, pertaining to Beethoven's life and works.
| Box 1, Folders 1-2 | Clippings from French, German, English, Mexican and other newspapers. ca. 1899-1947.  
Note  
Many supplied by the Argus Suisse et International de la Presse S.A. and the Le Courrier de la Presse clipping services. |
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| Box 1, Folder 3 | *La Societe des Sonates de Beethoven*. February 1934-November 1935 (Articles by Eric Blom).  
Physical Description: vol.3-7. |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Concert programs.  
Scope and Content Note  
Including French and English programs for Edouard Risler's series of concerts in which he played the 32 Beethoven piano sonatas in sequence.  
Notices in the latter items are by Charles Malherbe. |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Notes, letters, photographs, publishers' announcements, and lists of Beethoven autographs. Also, a ledger of holograph notes from Nottebohm.  
Periodicals, Monographs, etc.:  
Note  
| Box 1, Folder 6 | *Le guide musical revue internationale de la musique et des theatres*. Paris: Librairie Fischbacher. 1918.  
Physical Description: vol.60 no.38-40.  
*Neue zeitschrift fur musik*. January 1911, August 1911, and July 1914. Leipzig: Gebruder Reinecke (Unger, Max; Oertzen, Erwin von).  
Physical Description: vol.5 no.1.  
*Beethoven, Ludwig von. Fidelio*. Berlin: Breitkopf & Hartel. 1913[?].  