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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

C0141

Unit Date

circa 1927-1932

Language

English

Abstract

The Japanese phonograph record collection contains 15 78 rpm phonograph records mostly in sleeves with Japanese writing. The records were either printed in the United States or Japan for the Japanese music market, and released by Columbia, Ploydor, Victor, Orient Records and Regal.

Creator

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections & Archives

Physical Characteristics

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections & Archives

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the Japanese phonograph record collection must be obtained from the Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Donor unknown.

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Historical Information

The records in this collection are early examples of "electrical" recordings. Prior to 1925 recordings were made acoustically with singers and musicians playing into a horn. Electrical recording introduced the microphone which could pick up a larger range of sound and tone. Record companies developed specific names for this new recording process. The Victor Talking Machine company dubbed the new electric records as Othrophonic Records; Columbia produced "viva-tonal" records. The records in this collection are labeled as such.

A product of Nipponophone, Orient was acquired by Columbia in 1925

Scope and Contents

The Japanese phonograph record collection contains 15 78 rpm phonograph records produced for sale in Japan. The collection also includes original record sleeves and printed material packaged with the record. The records in this collection were released by: Columbia, Regal, Victor, Ploydor and Orient Records. The records could have been released by the American division of these labels for export, or by there Japanese branches. The design of the labels present on the discs indicated that these records were released in the late 1920s through early 1930s. The records have been recorded with the new "electric" recording process, which was introduced to the music industry in 1925.

The song title and artist name are printed in Japanese with only the record company name printed in English. As of now the records remain unidentified.

Related Material

Special Collections and Archives also holds the Music, Theatre, and Spoken Word sound recording collection.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Music--20th century.
Music--Japan
Music--Japan--20th century
Music.

Document Types:

Sound recordings.

Arrangement

Organized into five series.

- Series 1: Columbia, circa 1928 (Box 1)
- Series 2: Victor, circa 1927-1932 (Box 1)
- Series 3: Orient, circa 1928 (Box 1)

- Series 4: Ploydor, circa 1925-1932 (Box 1)
- Series 5: Columbia Regal, circa 1925-1932 (Box 1)

Contents List

Series 1: Columbia,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Columbia 26507,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Columbia 26508,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Series 2: Victor,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Victor 50833,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Victor 50834,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Victor 50834,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Victor 50604,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Victor 50605,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Victor 50833,

Unit Date circa 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Series 3: Orient,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Orient 60433,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Orient 60432,

Unit Date circa 1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Series 4: Polydor,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Polydor 3832,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Polydor 3833,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Series 5: Columbia Regal,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Columbia Regal 65882,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Columbia Regal 65883,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Record Sleeves,

Unit Date circa 1925-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)