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Guide to the

Lee Tracy collection of noncommercial recordings

1934-1964

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Summary

Creator: Tracy, Lee, 1898-1968

Title: Lee Tracy collection of noncommercial recordings

Date: 1934-1964

Source: Gift, Tracy, Mrs. Lee, 1970

Abstract: These recordings were collected by Lee Tracy and primarily consist of his performances in radio plays. Radio programs most prominently represented are Hall of Fame, Hollywood Hotel, Kraft Music Hall, Lux Radio Theater, The Rudy Vallee Hour, Shell Chateau, and Silver Theater. Performers appearing with Tracy on these programs include Edward Arnold, Noah Berry, Bing Crosby, Sally Eilers, Joan Fontaine, William Gargan, Shirley Ross, Lionel Stander, and Rudy Vallee.

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Creator History

Lee Tracy (4/14/1898 - 10/18/1968) was an American actor in radio, theater, film and television. He was born William Lee Tracy in Atlanta, GA, and died in Santa Monica, CA. He was married to actress Helen Thomas.

Before his acting career began, Tracy worked for a brief time as an U.S. Treasury Agent. His show business career started with his work in vaudeville. He made his New York City debut as Joe in *The*

Show-off (2/5/1924), and his London debut succeeding Raymond Massey in the role of Harry Van in *Idiot's Delight*. His theatrical career includes work in: *The Book of Charm*; *Oh, Promise Me*; *Bright Star*; *Metropole*; *Mr. Barry's Etchings*, and *Every Man for Himself*.

Tracy made his film debut in *Big Time* (1929). His film career includes work in such films as: *Doctor X*; *Blessed Event*; *The Half Naked Truth*; *Bombshell*; and *The Best Man*.

Tracy played Mr. Malone in the television series *The Amazing Mr. Malone*; the title role in the private eye series, *Martin Kane*; and Lee Cochrane in the *NY Confidential* television series.

Lee Tracy received the New York Critics Association's best actor award in 1929 for his performance as Roy Lane in the theater production of *Broadway*, and was nominated for a Tony Award in 1960 for his performance as ex-President Arthur Hockstader in *The Best Man*.

He performed in various radio programs such as *Hall of Fame*; *Hollywood Hotel*; *Lux Radio Theater*, and *Shell Chateau*.

Scope and Content Note

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The collection also contains three recordings of incidental music from various film studio productions. One of these productions is identified by name, a pilot for the television program, *Steptoe and Son*, produced by Paramount Studios.

Key Terms

Titles

Hall of fame (Radio program)
Hollywood hotel (Radio program)
Kraft music hall (Radio program)
Lux radio theatre (Radio program)
Rudy Vallee hour (Radio program)
Shell chateau (Radio program)
Silver theater (Radio program)
Steptoe and son (Television program)

Subjects

Incidental music
Radio adaptations
Radio plays
Radio programs, Musical -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Sound recordings

Names

Tracy, Lee, 1898-1968
Arnold, Edward A., 1969-
Berry, Noah
Crosby, Bing, 1903-1977
Eilers, Sally, 1908-1978
Fairfax, Beatrice
Fontaine, Joan, 1917-2013
Gargan, William, 1905-
Harrington, John
McCord, Nancy
Murray, J. Harold
Noblett, Irene
Parsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972
Ross, Shirley, 1913-1975
Ryan, Tim, 1889-1956
Stander, Lionel, 1908-
Vallée, Rudy, 1901-1986

Container List

20th Century Fox Film Corp. production

*LT-10 7404 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Angel with the devil in her eyes. Voice versionJeanette. Voice version

On label: F.T.S. TV 5618. [Television pilot?] On label: S-625 (side 1), S-627 (side 2). Access to original items restricted.Contents: Angel with the devil in her eyes. Voice version -- Jeanette. Voice version.

20th Century Fox Film Corp. production

*LT-10 7404 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Jeanette. Voice and orchestraSoft shoe. Piano versionAngel with the devil in her eyes. Orchestra version

On label: F.T.S. TV 5618. [Television pilot?] On label: P.B. 29 (side 1, band 1), P.B. 30 (side 1, band 2), P.B. 28 (side two, band 1). Access to original items restricted.Contents: Jeanette. Voice and orchestra -- Soft shoe. Piano version -- Angel with the devil in her eyes. Orchestra version.

For Men Only (Radio program) July 28, 1938

*LT-10 7404 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Utell, FredVanSteden, PeterTracy, Lee

NBC radio red network broadcast. Performers: Fred Utell ; Peter VanSteden ; Lee Tracy. Off air recording from station WEAf (New York, NY). Incomplete show. Access to original items restricted.

Hall of Fame (Radio program) December 2, 1934

*LT-10 7420 (3 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Tracy, LeeBerry, Noah

Off air recording from station KFI (Los Angeles, CA). Recording incomplete sides 5 and 7 are missing. Performers: Lee Tracy ; Noah Berry. Access to original items restricted.Contents: Calling Mr. Springer -- In a newspaper office.

Hollywood Hotel (Radio program) December 14, 1934

*LT-10 7420 (2 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Opening announcementsPowell, DickFioretto, TedTracy, LeeEilers, SallyParsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972

Off air recording from station KHJ (Los Angeles, CA). Performers: Dick Powell ; Lee Tracy ; Sally Eilers ; Louella Parsons. Conductor: Ted Fioretto. Access to original items restricted.Contents: Opening announcements -- Carnival.

Hollywood Hotel (Radio program) January 31, 1936

*LT-10 7421 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Powell, DickParsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972Tracy, LeeArnold, Edward, 1857-1942Barns, BinnieBranson, James Charles K

CBS radio network broadcast. Performers: Dick Powell ; Louella Parsons ; Lee Tracy ; Edward Arnold ; Binnie Barns. Off air recording from station KHJ (Los Angeles, CA). Incomplete show. Access to original items restricted.Contents: Sutter's gold cues / James Charles K. Branson.

Kraft Music Hall (Radio program) May 20, 1937

*LT-10 7422 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Crosby, Bing, 1903-1977Tracy, LeeStander, LionelGargan, BillCarpenter, Ken

NBC red network broadcast. Performers: Bing Crosby ; Lee Tracy ; Lionel Stander ; Bill Gargan. Announcer: Ken Carpenter. Off air recording from station KFI (Los Angeles, CA). Incomplete show. Access to original items restricted.

Lux Radio Theatre (Radio program) April 13, 1936

*LT-10 7423 (8 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Tracy, LeeWray, Fay, 1907-Garig, Douglas

CBS radio network broadcast. Performers: Lee Tracy ; Fay Wray. Director: Douglas Garig. Off air recording from station KHJ (Los Angeles, CA). Access to original items restricted.Contents: Shore leave.

Rudy Vallee show (Radio program) September 19, 1935

*LT-10 7421 (3 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Tim and Irene sketchLee Tracy entranceLou Little entranceTom and George sketchVallee, RudyMacNamee, GrahamTracy, LeeMurray, J. HaroldHoward, TomShelton, GeorgeRyan, Tim, 1899-1956Noblet, IreneHenderson, Ray

NBC radio network broadcast. Performers: Rudy Vallee ; Lee Tracy ; J. Harold Murray ; Tom Howard ; George Shelton ; Tim Ryan ; Irene Noblet. Announcer: Graham MacNamee. Off air recording from station WEAf (New York, NY). Incomplete show. Access to original items restricted.Contents: Little old fashioned music box -- Tim and Irene sketch -- Lee Tracy entrance -- Lou Little entrance -- The simple things in life / Ray Henderson -- Animal crackers in my soup / Ray Henderson -- Tom and George sketch.

Shell Chateau (Radio program) February 15, 1936

*LT-10 7422 (2 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)

Jolson, AlTracy, Lee

NBC red network broadcast. Performers: Al Jolson ; Lee Tracy. Off air recording from station KFI (Los Angeles, CA). Incomplete show. Access to original items restricted.

Silver Theatre (Radio program) November 28, 1937

*LT-10 7422 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Tracy, LeeFontaine, Joan, 1917-2013Nagle, Conrad

Columbia Broadcasting Service network broadcast. Performers: Lee Tracy ; Joan Fontaine. Director: Conrad Nagle. Off air recording from station KNX (Los Angeles, CA). Access to original items restricted.Contents: Hospitals are for sick people.

Silver Theatre (Radio program) March 12, 1939

*LT-10 7404 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

Tracy, LeeRoss, Shirley, 1913-1975Kerns, JosephNagle, ConradWarren, Harry, 1893-1981

CBS radio network broadcast. Performers: Lee Tracy ; Shirley Ross ; Joseph Kerns. Director: Conrad Nagle. Off air recording from station KNX (Los Angeles, CA). Access to original items restricted.Contents: Love is where you find it / Harry Warren.

Steptoe and Son (Radio program) December 7, 1964

*LT-10 7404 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)

On label: Paramount pictures. Pilot. Production number 39026. Access to original items restricted.Contents: Watusi baby.