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Guide to the

Collection of recordings related to Tarzan

c. 1950s-1970s

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Summary

Creator: Tarzan (Fictitious character)

Title: Collection of recordings related to Tarzan

Date: c. 1950s-1970s

Size: 80 reels (78 open reel audio tapes, 2 compact audio cassettes)

Abstract: Tarzan was a fictional character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs in his 1912 novel *Tarzan of the Apes*. The story was eventually adapted into films, comic strips, multiple radio and television series, and commercial recordings. The collection consists primarily of audio recordings of Tarzan-related radio broadcasts, as well as of several television shows, films, and recordings.

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Language of the Material: English

Scope and Content Note

The recordings in this collection consist of open reel audio tape recordings and cassettes, primarily of television or radio broadcasts of Tarzan-themed programs. Many of the recordings were taken from re-broadcasts of programs that originally aired in the 1930s through the 1950s. Audio recordings of films were likely captured from television broadcasts of Tarzan films. The collection also contains dubs of 78rpm albums originally released on Decca Records and Tarzan Records, recordings which have since become extremely rare. Also included are recordings of the 1972 *Dum Dum Convention* (a gathering of Tarzan enthusiasts), recordings of the soundtrack to the 1931 *Dracula* film, as well as other radio shows from the 1930s featuring Bing Crosby and Rudy Vallee, among others.

Arrangement: Items were arranged into six series: Tarzan of the apes; Tarzan and the diamond of Asher; The new adventures of Tarzan: the green goddess; Tarzan: lord of the jungle; Miscellaneous Tarzan-related audio; Other material, unrelated to Tarzan. The series Tarzan of the apes and Tarzan: lord of the jungle are both devoted to the radio programs of those titles. The series The new adventures of Tarzan consists of recordings of the 1945 television program of that name. The Miscellaneous

Tarzan-related audio consists of recordings of films, television programs, commercial media, and the Dum Dum convention, all of which relate to the theme of Tarzan. The Other material, unrelated to Tarzan series contains recordings of early films and radio programs of the 1930s through the 1950s. Items were arranged chronologically by the date of the content being recorded. In most cases, the recording was made decades after the date of the original content; the date of the original content was treated as the basis for arrangement. In cases where non-consecutive episodes are contained on a single reel, item was arranged in order by the earliest episode on that reel.

Key Terms

Subjects

Radio -- United States

Names

Burroughs, Edgar Rice, 1875-1950

Kadell, Karlton, 1904-1975

Pierce, James, 1900-1983

Tarzan (Fictitious character)

Weissmuller, Johnny, 1904-1984

Container List

Tarzan of the apes [c. 1950s]

Series consists of audio tape recordings of rebroadcasts of radio program from 1932. Program was recorded by WOR studios in New York City and first broadcast on September 12, 1932. It featured James Pierce as Tarzan and Joan Burroughs as Jane.

Recordings are arranged in chronological order by original broadcast date.

- 664728 **Episodes 1-6** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan's first birthday; Battle with the apes; Tarzan in young manhood; Tarzan attacked by Tabor; Tarzan sees a ship; Tarzan rescues the captain
Original air date: 12-16, 19 September 1932
- 664733 **Episodes 7-12** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan rescues the captain again; Did the bottle really go overboard?; The captain is in quicksand; A fight aboard ship; Tarzan's shack; Mutinous captain killed
Original air date: 20-27 September 1932
- 664729 **Episodes 13-17** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan delivers the sailor; Tarzan rescues Jane's father; Clayton tries to rescue the professor; Tarzan saves Clayton; Tarzan saves Jane
Original air date: 28 September-4 October 1932
- 664730 **Episodes 18-24** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan reads Jane's letter; Morning arrives; Tarzan presides over apes; Tarzan rescues Jane from the apes; The professor wants to search; Rescue; Tarzan's hut afire
Original air date: 5-13 October 1932
- 664694 **Episodes 19-24** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan presides over apes; Tarzan rescues Jane from the apes; The professor wants to search; Rescue; Tarzan's hut afire
Original air date: 6-13 October 1932
- 664721 **Episodes 25-29** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Clayton hunts Tarzan; Tarzan fires at Clayton; The ship leaves; Search party is attacked; Philander is captured
Original air date: 14-20 October 1932
- 664706 **Episodes 25-30** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Clayton hunts Tarzan; Tarzan fires at Clayton; The ship leaves; Search party is attacked; Philander is captured; Search party finds a clue
Original air date: 14-21 October 1932
- 664727 **Episodes 30-34** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Search party finds a clue; The jungle awakes; Jane is captured by cannibals; Search party is trapped; Tarzan learns more English
Original air date: 21-27 October 1932
- 664682 **Episodes 31-34** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The jungle awakes; Jane is captured by cannibals; Search party is trapped; Tarzan learns more English
Original air date: 24-27 October 1932
- 664735 **Episodes 35-39** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Jane and Tarzan go into the hut; Search party makes their move; Cannibals choose the professor; Second escape try; Jane is attacked
Original air date: 28 October-3 November 1932
- 664736 **Episodes 40-44** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The poison drink; Ape battles snake; Return of the ship; Tarzan saves Jane; Tarzan recaptured
Original air date: 4-10 November 1932

Tarzan of the apes (cont.)

- 664707 **Episodes 45-49** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Reunited; Escape; Rain comes; Jane receives greystoke locket; Tarzan and the crocodiles
Original air date: 11-17 November 1932
- 664684 **Episodes 50-54** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Rescuers seek safety in cave; Attempted rescue; Sounds in the cave; Witch doctor noises
Original air date: 18-24 November 1932
- 664681 **Episodes 54-58** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Witch doctor noises; Tarzan fires dynamite; The cannibals attack; The attack; The lion attacks
Original air date: 24-30 November 1932
- 664685 **Episodes 59-63** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The professor collapses; The party gets mad at Clayton; The mutineers return; Jane is attacked; Tarzan and Jane talk
Original air date: 1-7 December 1932
- 664683 **Episodes 64-68** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Jane is captured again; Tarzan to the rescue; Tarzan to the ship; Ship rescue; Ship wreck
Original air date: 8-14 December 1932
- 664688 **Episodes 69-73** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Captain Tracy's arm; Others on the reef; Tarzan with the apes; Jane at the Dum Dum; Elephant stampede
Original air date: 15-21 December 1932
- 721606 **Episodes 74-76** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Lt. makes his escape; Tarzan meets mutineers; The escape
Original air date: 1-6 March 1933

Tarzan and the diamond of Asher [c. 1950s]

Series consists of recordings of the radio serial Tarzan and the diamond of Asher, which was originally broadcast between May 14 and August 10, 1934. It featured Carlton KaDell as Tarzan.

Episodes 1-14 (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)

Mistaken identity; The map; A wolf among the sheep; River boat of danger; The Gregory expedition begins; The ape man returns; Legend of the "Father of diamonds"; Magra's story; Stampeding thunder; Reptile death; Voodoo medicine; Sting of the black snake whip; Jungle fury; Desertion

- 721604 **Episode 6** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)

The ape man returns. Also contains episodes from Tarzan: lord of the jungle (The arena of death; The end of the world)

Episodes 15-29 (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)

Night attack; Captives of Al-Ton-Tome; The pact; Helen vanishes; The ancient causeway; Tu-Em-Baka beckons; The death's head; The land of Tu-Em-Baka; Escort to Ashair; The city of Ashair; The guardian of the diamond; Al-Ton-Tome's new alliance; King Suten's new prisoners; Another try for the diamond.

Episodes 30-39 (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)

The queen's offer; The diamond's new owner; Together again; Help from a friend; Royal wedding; The tower of the sun; Temple of Ma-Chu; Escape plans; Out numbered; Victory and death

The new adventures of Tarzan: the green goddess [c. 1950s]

Series consists of audio tape recordings of television broadcasts of the 1935 film series The new adventures of Tarzan: the green goddess, produced by Burroughs-Tarzan Enterprises, Inc., and starring Herman Brix as Tarzan. The television broadcasts were likely recorded during the 1950s. The musical soundtrack was composed by Mischa Bakaleinikoff.

- 664717 **Part I** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
- 664718 **Part II** (1 reel 5" audio tape reels)
- 664719 **Part III** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
- 664715 **Part IV** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)

Tarzan: lord of the jungle [c. 1950s-1970s] (Recordings are arranged chronologically by original air date.)

Series consists of broadcasts of the radio program Tarzan: lord of the jungle from 1951-1953, produced by Commodore Productions, and starring Lamont Johnson as Tarzan. Recordings were made off the air onto audio tape reels, in many cases on the occasion of the episodes' syndicated broadcast on CBS radio.

- 664672 **Episodes 1-2** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
The decoy [pilot episode]; Black ivory
Syndicated broadcast date: 4, 11 January 1951
- 664673 **Episodes 3-4** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Hooded death (incomplete); The Manuema
Syndicated broadcast date: 18, 25 January 1951
- 628070 **Episodes 4-5** [c. 1970s] (1 cassette 1 audio cassette)
Tarzan and the Manuema; Siren of Omdurmara
Original air date: 1, 8 February 1951
- 664712 **Episodes 5, 42** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Siren of Omdurmara; The hand of death
Syndicated broadcast date: 1 February 1951, 3 January 1953
- 664708 **664708**
Episodes 6, 51 (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Black gold of Africa; Congo Christmas
Original air date: 8 February, 20 December 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 13, 20 December 1952
- 664734 **664734**
Episodes 7-8 (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The coward; Female of the species
Original air date: 15, 22 February 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 19 April 1952, 26 April 1952.
- 664705 **664705**
Episodes 39, 9, 77-78 (2 reels 3" audio tape reel, 5" audio tape reel)
City of sleep; End of the world; [episodes no. 77-78]
Original airdate unknown. Syndicated broadcast dates of episode 39 and 9 are 27 September and 1 March 1951. No dates available for episodes 77-78.
- 628071 **Episodes 10, 50** (1 reel audio cassette)
Across a continent; Congo murder
Original air date: 15 March, 20 December 1951
- 664693 **Episodes 11-12** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The killer; Jungle legacy
Original air date: 15, 22 March 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 3 May 1952, 10 May 1952.
- 664722 **Episodes 13-14** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Jungle orchids; Gold Coast robbery
Original air date: 29 March, 5 April 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 17 May 1952, 24 May 1952.
- 664723 **Episodes 15-16** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Life or death; D is for diamonds and death
Original air date: 12, 19 April 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 31 May 1952, 7 June 1952.
- 664671 **Episodes 17, 19** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Pirates of Cape Bandeira; Lake of blood
Original air date: 26 April, 10 March 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 14, 21 June 1952.
- 664670 **Episodes 21-22** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Jungle heat; Jungle hi-jackers
Original air date: 24, 31 May 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: June 1952, 5 July 1952.

Tarzan: lord of the jungle (cont.)

- 664687 **Episodes 23-24** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The stranger; Arab vengeance
Syndicated broadcast date: 12 July 1953, 19 July 1953
- 664692 **Episodes 25-26** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
In captivity; Gold of the Sudan
Original air date: 21, 28 June 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 26 July, 1952, 2 August 1952.
- 664732 **Episodes 27-28** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Stolen jewels; Drum without a heart
Original air date: 5, 12 July 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 9 August 1952, 16 August 1952.
- 664731 **Episodes 30, 29** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Trouble off San Laurencia; Terror at night
Original air date: 26, 19 July 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 23 August 1952, 30 August 1952.
- 664716 **Episodes 32-33** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Headhunters of Wombesi; Trophy room
Original air date: 9, 16 August 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 6 September 1952, 13 September 1952.
- 664725 **Episodes 35-36** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Death has small wings; Magic amulet
Original air date: 30 August, 6 September 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 20 September 1952, 27 September 1952.
- 664668 **Episodes 37-38** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The strange book of Araby; Cathedral of the Congo
Original air date: 13, 20 September 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 4, 11 October 1952
- 664669 **Episodes 39-40** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
City of sleep; Jungle odds
Original air date: 27 September, 4 October 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 18, 25 October 1952.
- 664710 **Episodes 42, 44** (1 reel 7" audio tape reels)
Small packages; Adventure on the road to Timbuktu
Original air date: 18 October, 1 November 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 1 November 1952, 8 November 1952.
- 664709 **Episodes 45, 47** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Strange island; African Thanksgiving
Original air date: 8, 22 November 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 15, 22 November 1952.
- 664680 **Episodes 48, 50** (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Hunters fury; Congo murder
Original air date: 29 November, 13 December 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 29 November, 13 December 1951.
- 664686 **Episodes 53-54** (4 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The man from another world; The quicksands of Wadehara
Original air date: 3, 10 January 1952. Syndicated broadcast date: 10, 17 January 1953.
- 664714 **Episodes 55-56** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Trail of death; Killer at large
Syndicated broadcast date: 24, 31 January 1953
- 664713 **Episodes 58-59** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Paradise island; The demon of Rongu
Syndicated broadcast date: 7, 14 February 1953
- 664691, 664665 **Episodes 3, 60** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
The hooded death, Simba Hudari
Original air date: 18 January 1951. Syndicated broadcast date: 21, 28 February 1953.

Tarzan: lord of the jungle (cont.)

- 664720 **Episode 61** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Oman of the emeralds
Original air date: 20 March 1952. Syndicated broadcast date: 7 March 1953.
- 664703 **Episodes 61 [alternate reported release], 62 [alternate reported release]** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Tarzan and the hot rod kid; The mask of Monatiki
Syndicated broadcast date: 16, 23 May 1953
- 664690 **Episodes 61-62** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Oman of the emeralds; Volcano
Syndicated broadcast date: 7, 14 March 1953
- 664702 **Episodes 64, 68** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Tarzan and the arena of death, Tarzan and the Iypagor
Original air date: 10 April, 8 May 1952. Syndicated broadcast date: 2, 9 May 1953.
- 664695 **Episodes 64-65** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Tarzan and the arena of death; Jungle smoke.
Syndicated broadcast date: 10, 17 April 1952
- 664696 **Episodes 66-67** (2 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Evidence destroyed; The missing element
Syndicated broadcast date: 24 April, 1 May 1952
- 664711 **Episodes 68, 61, 62 [alternate reported releases]** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Tarzan and the Iypagor; Tarzan and the hot-rod kid; The mask of Monatiki
Syndicated broadcast date: 9, 16, 23 May 1953
- Episode 59, 72, 74, 75 [alternate reported releases]** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
New death; Night Riders of Tomkia; None so blind; Tarzan and the American Family Robinson;
Tarzan and the long journey; Two in the bush
Syndicated broadcast date: 2, 30 May 1953; 6, 13, 27 June 1953

Miscellaneous Tarzan-related audio [c. 1950s-1970s]

Series consists of audio tape recordings of other Tarzan-related media from the 1930s through the 1970s.

Motion pictures

Subseries consists of audio recordings of various motion pictures. The recordings were likely made from television broadcasts of the films.

- 721592 **Tarzan the ape man (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1932 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane.
- 721567 **Tarzan and his mate (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1934 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane.
- 721597 **Tarzan escapes (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1936 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane.
- 721607 **Tarzan's revenge (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1938 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Eleanor Holm as Eleanor Reed.
- 721594 **Tarzan triumphs (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1943 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan.
- 721600 **Tarzan's desert mystery (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1943 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan.
- 721598, 664679, 664674 **Tarzan and the Amazons (Motion picture), audio only** (2 reels 5" audio tape reel, 7" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1945 and featured Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Brenda Joyce as Jane. Soundtrack likely recorded during television broadcast of the film.

Miscellaneous Tarzan-related audio (cont.)
Motion pictures (cont.)

- 721595 **Tarzan the ape man (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1959 and featured Denny Miller as Tarzan and Joanna Barnes as Jane.
- 721603 **Tarzan's greatest adventure (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1959 and featured Gordon Scott as Tarzan.
- 664701 **Tarzan and the trappers (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1960 and featured Gordon Scott as Tarzan and Eve Brent as Jane. Audio recorded from 25 October 1966 television broadcast of the film.
- Other recordings [c. 1950s-1970s]**
- 664705 **Tarzan song** (1 reel 3" audio tape reel)
Reel also contains: The city of sleep; Tarzan & the end of the world; Tarzan, episodes no. 77-78
- 664698 **Tarzan of the apes; Tarzan in the valley of the talking gorillas** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Contains audio tape recordings of the 1941 Decca album Tarzan of the apes (Decca K. 26) and the c. 1940s-1950s Tarzan Records album Tarzan in the valley of the talking gorillas (T-1)
- 664704 **End of the world: a reading of the script; Decca album K. 26 (conclusion); A letter to Mr. Gardner; Tarzan and the little black boy** (Decca album K. 29) (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Includes audio from an unbroadcast rehearsal of the 1951 episode of Tarzan: lord of the Jungle entitled "End of the world;" a recording of the 1942 Decca album entitled Tarzan and the little black boy; and other unidentified excerpts from radio, television, films, and commercial recordings.
- 664726 **Tarzan film audio; Jungle Jim: film sound track; More examples of Tarzan & Jungle man: type characterizations** [1950's-1960's?] (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Includes soundtrack from 1955-1956 television series entitled Jungle Jim, as well as unidentified excerpts from Tarzan films, television shows, comemercial recordings, and radio programs.
- 664724 **Tarzan, "Eyes of the lion" episode, audio** [1966] (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Includes audio from 1966 television series Eyes of the lion.
- 664700, 664699 **Dum Dum convention** [1972] (3 reels 7" audio tape reels)
Includes recordings from the 1972 Dum Dum convention, an annual gathering of Tarzan fans. The convention took place in Los Angeles, California. In two parts. Part 1 features a discussion of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Tarzan
- 315566 **Interview with Hulbert Burroughs and other excerpts** 16 September 1967, undated 1967 (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Recording also includes excerpts from Bing Crosby performances on September 2, 1931 and September 28, 1962. as well as part of an episode of the radio program *You are there*.
- Other material, unrelated to Tarzan [c. 1950s-1970s]**
Series consists of audio recordings of various films, television and radio broadcasts originally released or broadcast between the 1920s through the 1950s. Recordings were likely made during the 1970s when the content was re-broadcast on radio or television.
- 721602 **"Tape especially prepared for Maurice B. Gardner"** [c. 1950s] (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
- 721591 **Jungle book (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1942.
- 721599 **Lion man (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Based on "The lad and the lion" by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Film originally released in 1936.
- 664666, 664667 **Dracula (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1931 and starred Bela Lugosi as Dracula.

Other material, unrelated to Tarzan (cont.)

- 664697 **Sheena: The land that time forgot (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Recording is incomplete.
- 664664 **Sheena, queen of the jungle** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1935 and featured Mary Kornman as Sheena.
- 664678, 664676 **Film sound tracks featuring Charles Boyer** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
- 664675 **[Compilation of radio program excerpts]** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
Excerpts originally aired between 1931 and 1952. Contents include: A tale two cities featuring Ronald Colman (25 min.); Lost horizon featuring Ronald Colman (25 min.); Bing Crosby Show (Radio program), January 9, 1952; Bing Crosby performance, September 2, 1931 (radio debut).
- 664677 **The Rudy Vallee Sealtest show; Emphasis with Bill Cullen** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
- 664689 **Unidentified movie featuring Rudy Vallee; Rudy Vallee on the I love Lucy show [c. 1960s]; Unidentified** (1 reel 7" audio tape reel)
- 721608 **Tumbleweeds (Motion picture), audio only** (1 reel 5" audio tape reel)
Film originally released in 1925.