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.

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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-
Valle_e, Rudy, 1901-1986
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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 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 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, Fred
VanSteden, Peter
Tracy , Lee

Hall of Fame (Radio program),. December 2, 1934
*LT-10 7420 (3 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)
Tracy , Lee
Berry , 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. Original in: "LJ-12 1015, "LJ-12 1016, "LJ-12 1017.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 announcements
Powell, Dick
Fioretto, Ted
Tracy , Lee
Eilers, Sally
Parsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972

Hollywood Hotel (Radio program),. January 31, 1936
*LT-10 7421 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)
Powell, Dick
Parsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972
Tracy, Lee
Arnold, Edward, 1857-1942
Barns, Binnie
Branson, James Charles K
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, 1903-1977; Tracy, Lee; Stander, Lionel; Gargan, Bill; Carpenter, Ken.

Lux Radio Theatre (Radio program), April 13, 1936
*LT-10 7423 (8 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)
Tracy, Lee; Wray, Fay, 1907-; Garig, Douglas.

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 sketch; Lee Tracy entrance; Lou Little entrance; Tom and George sketch; Vallee, Rudy; MacNamee, Graham; Tracy, Lee; Murray, J. Harold; Howard, Tom; Shelton, George; Ryan, Tim, 1899-1956; Noblet, Irene; Henderson, Ray.

Shell Chateau (Radio program), February 15, 1936
*LT-10 7422 (2 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based, mono. ; 12 in.)
Jolson, Al; Tracy, Lee.

Silver Theatre (Radio program), November 28, 1937
*LT-10 7422 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)
Tracy, Lee; Fontaine, Joan, 1917-2013; Nagle, Conrad.

Silver Theatre (Radio program), March 12, 1939
*LT-10 7404 (4 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)
Tracy, Lee; Ross, Shirley, 1913-1975; Kerns, Joseph; Nagle, Conrad; Warren, Harry, 1893-1981.

Steptoe and Son (Radio program), December 7, 1964
*LT-10 7404 (1 sound disc : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)