Summary

Creator: Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966

Title: Sophie Tucker private recordings collection [sound recording]

Date: 1925-1953

Source: Gift; Lillian Tucker

Abstract: The collection contains Tucker's appearances on radio programs, interviews, live night club performances, and various unissued studio recordings. Some of the radio programs represented in the collection are: Blue Ribbon Town; Frank Sinatra Show; It's Time for Pabst; and the Philco Hour. Other performers represented in the collection are: her pianist and orchestra leader, Ted Shapiro, Ben Bernie, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, and Orson Welles.

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Processing note: Processed by David H. Thomas and Peggy Schein.

Creator History
Sophie Tucker (1/13/1884-2/9/1966) was a Russian born popular American entertainer. She began her career as a singer in her father's Connecticut restaurant, and then went on to sing in English music halls, vaudeville, and burlesque. She gained fame during World War I, and continued her career for
many years in nightclubs, films, radio and television. Some of these days was her theme song.

**Custodial History**
The collection was donated by Lillian Tucker.

**Scope and Content Note**
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**Arrangement:** The collection is organized into two series: Performances Broadcast recordings

**Key Terms**

**Titles**
- Blue Ribbon Town (Radio program)
- Gift of Lillian Tucker
- The Frank Sinatra Show (Radio program)
- The Philco Hour (Radio program)

**Subjects**
- Popular music -- United States -- 1921-1930
- Popular music -- United States -- 1931-1940
- Popular music -- United States -- 1941-1950
- Popular music -- United States -- 1951-1960
- Radio programs, Musical
- Singers -- United States

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Sound recordings

**Names**
- Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
- Bernie, Ben, 1891-1943
- Garland, Judy
- Shapiro, Ted
- Sinatra, Frank, 1915-1998
- Welles, Orson, 1915-1985
Container List

Performances
Consists of both live and studio recordings of Tucker with various orchestras and performers. Arranged alphabetically by main entry.

Everybody sing., March 9, 1937
*LDC 20817 (1 sound disc, aluminum-based acetate; 12 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Garland, Judy
Performer: Judy Garland, Sophie Tucker. This may be a test sound track for a film. Preservation copy in: "LT-10 10607. Access to original items restricted. Original in: "LJ-12 5143.

I'm not taking orders from no one., 1927
*LDC 22643, track 26 (1 sound disc: analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966

Live at the Chez Paris.
*LDC 20817, tracks 1 & 2 (1 sound disc, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate; 12 in.)
Contents:
Monologue -- So little time

My pet., 1926
*LDC 22643, track 25 (1 sound disc: analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966

So little time.
*LDC 20817, track 16 (1 sound disc, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate; 12 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966

Some of these days.
*LDC 20818, track 4 (1 sound disc, 78 rpm; 12 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Marks, Sidney
Fershko, Shmuel

Some of these days / Shelton Brooks.
*LDC 22643 (1 sound disc: analog, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Ted Lewis Orchestra, Ted Shapiro Orchestra
Performances (cont.)

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Sophie Tucker performances, 1925
*LDC 22643 (1 sound disc: analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Berlin, Irving
Contents: What'll I do? / Irving Berlin -- There'll be some changes made.

Sophie Tucker studio performances.
*LDC 22644 (11 sound discs: analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Gershwin, George
Brooks, Shelton
Ed Lewis Orchestra
Contents: What good am I without you? -- Makin' wicky wacky down in Waikiki -- Lady be good! The man I love / George Gershwin -- My pet -- I'm the last of the red hot mamas -- That's what I call sweet music -- Is he the boy friend? -- Away down south in heaven -- Conversational man -- I know that my baby is cheatin' on me -- He's a good man to have around -- I'm the last of the red hot mamas -- I don't want to get thin -- That's what I call sweet music -- I'm doing what I'm doing for love -- I'm feather'n my nest for a bluebird -- Me and myself -- Nobody knows what a redheaded mama can do -- Blue river -- There's a cradle in Caroline.

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Sophie Tucker studio performances.
*LDC 22643 (1 sound disc: analog, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Contents: Some of these days.

Sophie Tucker studio performances.
*LDC 22643 (2 sound discs: analog, aluminum-based acetate, mono.; 10 in.)
Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966
Contents: Hula Lou -- I'm the last of the red hot mamas -- Bluebird, where are you -- Complainin' (it's human nature to complain).

[Untitled recording], March 17, 1937
*LDC 20817 (1 sound disc, aluminum-based acetate; 12 in.)
On disc label “Miss Tucker”. This may be a test sound track for a film. Includes an orchestra and chorus only. Preservation copy in: *LT-10 10607. Access to original items restricted.
Original in: *LJ-12 5151.

Broadcast recordings
Consists of recordings of Tucker on various radio and television programs. Includes interviews as well as performances.
Arranged alphabetically by main entry.

BBC review of Some of these days, July 17, 1948
*LDC 20818 (1 sound disc, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate; 12 in.)
On disc label “a personal re-recording by Wilson Midgley ... BBC network ... operation Donegall”. Some of These Days is the title of Sophie Tucker's autobiography. Preservation copy in: *LT-10 10608. Access to original items restricted. Original in: *LJ-12 5145.
Broadcast recordings (cont.)

**Blue Ribbon town (Radio program).**

*LDC 22643 (3 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)


Discs dated 7/29 [no year]. Radio broadcast of Pabst Blue Ribbon Town, starring Kenny Baker, vocalist ; Ken Niles, announcer ; Robert Armbruster, conductor ; Sophie Tucker, guest vocalist. Featuring the songs of Jimmy McHugh. Access to original items restricted. Preservation copy in: *LT-10 11221. Access to original items restricted. Originals in: *LJ-12 4513, 4514, 4515Contents: I feel a song coming on -- A touch of Texas -- I'm in the mood for love -- I can't give you anything but love -- When my sugar walks down the street -- South American way -- How blue the night -- Medley: Diga diga do ; Lovely lady ; On the sunny side of the street / Jimmy McHugh.Contents: I feel a song coming on -- A touch of Texas -- I'm in the mood for love -- I can't give you anything but love -- When my sugar walks down the street -- South American way -- How blue the night -- Medley: Diga diga do ; Lovely lady ; On the sunny side of the street / Jimmy McHugh.

**Blue Ribbon town (Radio program),. November 18, 1944**

*LDC 22642 (3 sound discs : analog, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)


Sophie Tucker, guest. Radio broadcast of Pabst Blue Ribbon Town, starring Kenny Baker, vocalist ; Ken Niles, announcer ; Robert Armbruster, conductor. On labels: Electro-Vox Recording Studios. Date is questionable. Includes Sophie Tucker reading excerpts from her autobiography. Preservation copy in: *LT-10 11220. Access to original items restricted. Originals in: *LJ-12 4510, 4511, 4512Contents: El rancho grande -- I'll take you home again, Kathleen -- I'll walk alone -- For me and my gal -- I'm Alabama bound -- Some of these days -- Monastery garden.

**Ed Sullivan Show (Television program),. December 16, 1951**

*LDC 20817, tracks 3-10 (1 sound disc, 33 1/3 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)

Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966Berlin, Irving


**Frank Sinatra show (Radio program),. April 12, 1944**

*LDC 20816, tracks 4-7 (2 sound discs, 78 rpm, glass-based acetate ; 12 in.)

Sinatra, FrankTucker, Sophie, 1884-1966Lester, Jerry


**It's Time for Pabst (Radio program),. April 9, 1935**

*LDC 20816 (2 sound discs, 33 1/3 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)

Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966Bernie, Ben, 1891-1943

Broadcast recordings (cont.)

**Philco Hour (Radio program).**
*LDC 20817* (1 sound disc, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)
On disc label "Reisenwerber spot" (excerpt). Performers: Sophie Tucker ; Teddy Shapiro, piano ; Jerry Duane, vocal ; Tom Foster, vocal. An American Broadcasting Company recording.
Preservation copy in: *LT-10 10607. Access to original items restricted. Original in: *LJ-12 5152. Contents: "New Years Eve at Reisenwerber's Cabaret" *Dinah -- Pretty baby -- How are you going to keep them down on the farm -- Some of these days.

**Sophie Tucker Story.**, October 16, 1953
*LDC 20816* (3 sound discs, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)

**Sophie Tucker interview.**, October 29, 1946
*LDC 20818* (1 sound disc, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)

**Sophie Tucker interview.**, May 12, 1951
*LDC 20818* (1 sound disc, 33 1/3 rpm, aluminum-based acetate ; 12 in.)
Parsons, Louella O. (Louella Oettinger), 1881-1972 Tucker, Sophie, 1884-1966

**Sophie Tucker's birthday party at Robt. [i.e. Robert] E. Lee.**
*LDC 40876* (2 sound discs : analog, 78 rpm, aluminum-based acetate, mono. ; 12 in.)
Lee, Robert Edwin, 1918-1994