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Guide to the  
**Gypsy Rose Lee scores,**  
1909-1967

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## Summary

**Collector:** Lee, Gypsy Rose

**Title:** Gypsy Rose Lee scores

**Size:** 0.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by Erik Lee Preminger, son of Gypsy Rose Lee.

**Abstract:** The Gypsy Rose Lee scores contains music used or collected by Gypsy Rose Lee.

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**Processing note:** Collection was separated from the Gypsy Rose Lee papers.

**Related collections:**

[Gypsy Rose Lee papers, call number: \\*T-Mss 1990-014](#), Billy Rose Theatre Division.

## **Biographical note**

Gypsy Rose Lee (1911-1970) was an American burlesque entertainer famous for her striptease act. She was also an actress, author, and playwright. Her 1957 memoir was made into the musical *Gypsy* (music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim).

The career of Gypsy Rose Lee is well documented in numerous biographical sources, including the finding aid for the [Gypsy Rose Lee papers](#) in the Billy Rose Theatre Division.

## **Scope and contents note**

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## Container list

Folders 1-21 contain published sheet music. Folders 22-25 contain published song collections.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	1	"Allah's holiday" from Katinka, c1915
1	2	"Brazilian nuts" - from Star and garter, c1941
1	3	"Bubble" - from High jinks, c1913
1	4	"Bunny, bunny, bunny: - from Star and garter, c1942
1	5	"But in the morning, no!" – from Du Barry was a lady, c1939
1	6	"Doin'the uptown lowdown" - from Broadway thru a keyhole, c1933
1	7	"I don't get it"- from Star and garter, c1942 (3 copies)
1	8	"I'd rather be blue over you"" - from the movie My Man, c1928
1	9	"Is it true what they say about Dixie?"- c1936
1	10	Love me just like Romeo loved Miss Juliet" - from In Hayti, c1909
1	11	"Mandalay" - by Earl Burtnett, c1924
1	12	"Merry wedding bells"- by Jean Schwartz, c1912
1	13	"Midnight Rose: fox trot ballad" by Lew Pollack, c1923
1	14	"M-i-s-s-i-s-s-i-p-p-i" c1916
1	15	"She slides a little off the shoulder"- by E.M. Tighe, (lead sheet)
1	16	"Should I"- c1929
1	17	"Sing a little jingle"- from Billy Rose's crazy quilt, c1931
1	18	"Sophie Tucker's the Broadway blues"- c1915
1	19	"Welcome to Union City"- from Strip for action, c1955
1	20	"The Youngest in the family"- William B. Friedlander, c1917
1	21	Fanny Brice's comedy songs, c1939
1	22	Jerome Kern song book, c1955
2	23	Jimmy McHugh song folio, c1945
2	24	Song folio : standard vocal music with accompaniment for piano or organ by favorite composers, c1883.
2	25	Songs with lyrics by Sammy Cahn – n.d. (inscribed by Sammy Cahn, 1967)