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HAROLD ARLEN, 1905-1986  
PAPERS, 1947-1967

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MAIN ENTRY: Harold Arlen, 1905-1986

TITLE: Papers, 1947-1967

SIZE: .2 lin. ft.; 1 box

ACCESS: Unrestricted

SOURCE: Mrs. Harold Arlen

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT:  
was Harold Arlen, composer born in Buffalo, New York in 1905. He created the music for such well-known songs as: "Over the Rainbow", "Stormy Weather", "That Old Black Magic", and "Blues in the Night". Among his collaborators were: E.Y. Harburg, Johnny Mercer, Ira Gershwin, Dorothy Fields and Leo Robbin.

DESCRIPTION: The papers of Harold Arlen consist solely of scripts and outlines for plays which were sent for his review. There is no material pertaining to Harold Arlen himself.

HAROLD ARLEN PAPERS  
INTRODUCTION

The Harold Arlen Papers were donated to The Billy Rose Theatre Collection in 1986 by his family. There is no further documentation on the collection, however, they were in good condition at the time of archival processing. Arrangement and description was completed in 1991.

ARRANGEMENT NOTES

The Harold Arlen Papers are arranged in two series. They are: I. Outlines; II. Scripts (removed and added to script files)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE ON HAROLD ARLEN

Harold Arlen was born in Buffalo, New York on February 15, 1905. The son of a cantor, music was an important part of his early life. He sang in the synagogue and studied piano. In 1929 he wrote his first hit song, "Get Happy". Arlen's particular genius was for music in the blues genre. He wrote material for the Cotton Club in Harlem. Some of his best-known musical works are in the blues style: Stormy Weather, Blues In the Night and That Old Black Magic. He won an Academy Award for the song "Over the Rainbow" from the film *THE WIZARD OF OZ*. His film credits also include: *RIO RITA*, *CABIN IN THE SKY*, *A STAR IS BORN* and *THE COUNTRY GIRL*. His Broadway production credits include: *BLOOMER GIRL*, *ST. LOUIS WOMAN*, *HOUSE OF FLOWERS* and *JAMAICA*. Harold Arlen died on April 23, 1986 in New York City.

SCOPE NOTE

The Harold Arlen papers consist of outlines sent him by agents and playwrights. Scripts included in the collection have been separated and added to the scripts file. The collection spans the years 1947 to 1967. There are no personal papers or papers relating to Harold Arlen's own career in the collection.

HAROLD ARLEN PAPERS

SERIES I - OUTLINES

BOX NO. 1 (8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,798)

Folder No.

- 1 Outlines -Correspondence (Miscellaneous)
- 2 Chase, Mary - Lolita
- 3 Chodorov, Jerry - The Plot to Overthrow  
Christmas (note included)
- 4 Ciardi, Dan - John J. Plenty & Fiddler Dan
- 5 Fast, Howard - Tony & the Wonderful Door
- 6 Fuller, Samuel - Operation Romance
- 7 Herzig, Sig & Horwin, Jerry - A Girl's Best  
Friend (note included)
- 8 Kraft, Hy - The Glorious Fourth
- 9 Lengyel, M., Otvos, D. & Wald, Jerry -  
Untitled outline
- 10 O'Neal, Charles - The Three Wishes of Jamie  
McRuin
- 11 Oppenheimer, Jess - Untitled outline (note  
included)
- 12 Stagg, Jerry - Puss in Boots (note included)

SERIES II - SCRIPTS

See separation sheet for listing of scripts.

ARLEN INVENTORY - STATUS

SCRIPTS

ITEMS ADDED TO SCRIPTS FILE

Carnival in Flanders	Oppenheimer, George	RM 4531
From Left Field	Boretz, Allen & Sully, Ruby	RM 5397
Gentleman From Indiana 3164	Marks, Rita & Pearl, Stanley	RM
Good Pair 1915	Carroll, Sidney	CTR
Heaven Come Wednesday 3945	Lawrence, Reginald	RM
Legend of Sleepy Hollow 1916	Salt, Waldo	CTR
Song of Songs 5625	Cohen, Alexander H.	RM
Stutzpunkt (autographed copy) 5402	Ehrlich, Ida L.	RM
Three Wishes of Jamie 5199	O'Neal, Charles	RM
Tower Express 5173	Kraft, H. S.	RM
Winesburg, Ohio	Anderson, Sherwood	RM 5576

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