

Guide to the Paramount Theatre stage manager's records, 1936-1956.

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Paramount Theatre stage manager's records, 1936-1956.

Creator: Bracco, Francis Paul.

Size: .42 lin. ft. (1 box)

Repository: The The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
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Abstract: The records consist of the files of stage manager, Paul Bracco for Paramount Theatre productions between 1936 and 1956.

Administrative Information

Source: The papers were donated to the Billy Rose Theatre Division in 1998 by Claire B. Wills.

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Biography

Francis Paul Bracco was the stage manager for the New York Paramount Theatre from the 1930s until the 1950s.

Scope and Content Note

The Paramount Theatre stage manager's records consist of stage layouts for orchestras, song lists, simple lighting plots, rehearsal schedules for performers, film schedules, and a small amount of correspondence.

During the period covered in this collection, New York's Paramount Theater featured live musical performances and comedians in conjunction with regular film screenings. The musicians who appeared at the Paramount included many of the top performers of the era, including the orchestras of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, and others. Vocalists who appeared included

Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Ethel Merman, Perry Como, Sarah Vaughan and Ethel Waters. Comedians who played the Paramount included Danny Kaye, Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis, Jackie Gleason & Art Carney, Henny Youngman, and Imogene Coca. Material pertaining to these performers is not detailed, but in some cases includes rehearsal schedules, lists of songs or routines performed, and stage floor plans.

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