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Guide to the

Richard Rodgers collection of musicals and interviews [sound recording]

1926-1980

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Summary

Creator: Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979

Title: Richard Rodgers collection of musicals and interviews [sound recording]

Date: 1926-1980

Size: 362 sound recordings, analog; 362 sound recordings, analog

Abstract: The collection contains commercial discs and noncommercial recordings; the latter containing interviews with Rodgers and his family and friends, performances of his music by contemporary performers, as well as radio and television programs that have used Rodgers' music.

Conditions Governing Access:

Access to acetate discs restricted.

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Related Materials:

Richard Rodgers papers, sound recordings and music

Creator History

Richard Rodgers, born on 28 June 1902 and died 30 December 1979, composed music for forty Broadway musicals, one Broadway play, three London musicals, ten film musicals, two television musicals, 2 documentaries, one night club review, and one ballet. He is known as a humanitarian and philanthropist as well as an influential composer.

Rodgers received many personal and professional awards including membership in the National Institute of Arts and Letters, Department of Music (now American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters) and made numerous philanthropic contributions in the area of music theater production and

preservation, most prominently (through the Rodgers and Hammerstein Foundation) by founding, in 1965, the Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound at the Performing Arts Research Center of the New York Public Library.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains commercial discs and noncommercial recordings; the latter containing interviews with Rodgers and his family and friends, performances of his music by contemporary performers, as well as radio and television programs that have used Rodgers' music. The noncommercial items in the collection include excerpts from radio and television series and a number of interviews made with Rodgers including the complete interviews made for the BBC's *The Life and Music of Richard Rodgers* radio program. The funeral service of Richard Rodgers is also included in the collection.

Arrangement: Sound recordings arranged by format

Key Terms

Titles

Andre Kostelanetz show (Radio program)
Batte un cuore Genovese per Richard Rodgers (Radio program)
Best of all (Radio program)
Coca-Cola program (Radio program)
Eddie Fisher show (Television program)
Fred Allen show (Radio program)
Fred Waring and his orchestra (Radio program)
Invasion day (Radio program)
Life and music of Richard Rodgers (Radio program)
March of time (Radio program)
Million dollar band (Radio program)
Millions for defense (Radio program)
Prudential hour (Radio program)
Railroad hour (Radio program)
RCA Victor show (Radio program)
Rudy Valley program (Radio program)
Singing lady (Radio program)
Tex and Jinx show (Radio program)
Theatre Guild on the air (Radio program)
Today (Radio program)
Tonight (Television program)
Tribute to Lorenz Hart (Radio program)
Tune up time (Radio program)
TV Navy project (Television program)
Victory at sea (Television program)
War savings program (Radio program)

Subjects

Musicals
Radio programs, Musical -- United States
Television musicals -- United States

Names

Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979
Allen, Steve, 1921-2000
Ameche, Don
Arden, Victor, 1893-1962
Bailey, Pearl
Bauer, Franklyn
Benny, Jack, 1894-1974
Berle, Milton
Berlin, Irving, 1888-1989
Burns, George, 1896-1996
Cagney, James, 1899-1986
Chevalier, Maurice, 1888-1972
Clark, Buddy, 1929-
Como, Perry, 1912-2001
Coward, Noel, 1899-1973
Crosby, Bing, 1903-1977
Davis, Sammy, Jr., 1925-1990
Day, Doris, 1924-
De Mille, Agnes
Dickey, Annamary
Drake, Alfred, 1914-1992
Eddy, Nelson, 1901-1967
Faith, Percy, 1908-1976
Fisher, Eddie
Fitzgerald, Ella
Forrest, Helen
Garland, Judy
Hammerstein, Oscar, II, 1895-1960
Hart, Lorenz, 1895-1943
Heatherton, Ray
Henderson, Skitch, 1918-2005
Jolson, Al, -1950
Jolson, Al, 1886-1950
Jones, Allan, 1907-1992
Kaye, Danny
Keller, Greta
Kostelanetz, Andre, 1901-1980
La Rosa, Julius
Langford, Frances
Lawrence, Steve, 1935-
Lillie, Beatrice, 1894-1989
Littler, Emile
Lombardo, Guy, 1902-1977
Martin, Mary, 1913-1990
Marx, Groucho, 1890-1977
Melton, James, 1904-1961
Murray, Wyn
Paul, Les
Peerce, Jan, 1904-1984
Powell, Jane, 1929-
Reiner, Fritz, 1888-1963
Rooney, Mickey
Shore, Dinah, 1917-1994
Sinatra, Frank, 1915-1998
Steber, Eleanor

Stevens, Rise_, 1913-2013
Streater, Ted
Torre_, Mel, 1925-1999
Traubel, Helen
Vallée, Rudy, 1901-1986
Verrett, Shirley
Walter, Cy, 1915-1968
Waring, Fred, 1900-1984
Whiting, Margaret
Wright, Martha