



The New York Public Library Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound

Guide to the

Lennie Hayton collection of noncommercial recordings

1933-1959

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Summary

Creator: Hayton, Lennie, 1908-1971

Title: Lennie Hayton collection of noncommercial recordings

Date: 1933-1959

Size: 297 sound discs, analog; 297 sound discs, analog

Abstract: Lennie Hayton was a jazz pianist, composer, conductor, and arranger active from the 1920's through the 1960's. Hayton worked on a number of radio programs, including Lucky Strike's Your Hit Parade (1935), and the Ed Wynn Show (1936). He was musical director of MGM from 1940 to 1953, and worked on many movies as an arranger, conductor, or musical director. Hayton married Lena Horne in 1947, and worked with her as a manager-pianist-arranger. The collection contains selections of Hayton's work on radio and in the studio, as well as recordings of Lena Horne and other performers. Recordings of his radio work include selected episodes of Lucky Strike Your Hit Parade, Ed Wynn Show, Chesterfield's Music that satisfies, and Ipana's Hour of Smiles programs. Included in the collection are recordings of Lena Horne on studio acetates, as well as live radio recordings. Also included in the collection are radio recordings of both popular and classical music performances that Hayton owned.

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Creator History

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Key Terms

Subjects

Big band music
Jazz musicians -- History -- Sources
Popular music
Radio programs, Musical -- United States

Titles

Hour of smiles (Radio program)
Music that satisfies (Radio program)
Your hit parade (Radio program)

Names

Hayton, Lennie, 1908-1971
Horne, Lena