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Guide to the

**Tee Collins collection**

1955-2001

Sc MG 857

## Summary

**Creator:** Collins, Tee, 1923-2000

**Title:** Tee Collins collection

**Date:** 1955-2001

**Size:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Barbara Collins, March 2012.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** Successful in animation and film for four decades, Tee Collins was the first creative designer to produce the premiere animated spot for Sesame Street. Known primarily for his creation of "Wanda the Witch" (1969), a character on Sesame Street, Collins also received the Children's ACT award for his invention of the first animated Black princess, "The Songhai Princess." He developed his own studio in New York, working in both national and international television for which he created many award winning animated spots. Collins also taught animation at the University of Central Florida for 11 years. The Tee Collins collection is made up of biographical matter, including a resume, lists of awards and credits, University of Central Florida material and Collins's basketball memorabilia; tribute materials celebrating Collins's 40 years in animation and film, consisting of flyers, brochures, and programs (some photocopies) of events that took place at UCF, the Schomburg Center, and the Harlem Collective; correspondence, including a letter from Joan Ganz Cooney; and articles covering Collins's accomplishments in his career in animation.

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**Language of the Material:** English

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**Separated Materials:**

Transferred to the Art and Artifacts Division: one gelatin cel

Transferred to the Moving Image and Recorded Sound Division: audio and moving image materials. For more information, please contact the division at [schomburgaudiovisual@nypl.org](mailto:schomburgaudiovisual@nypl.org) or 212-491-2270.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Animated television programs  
Animators  
Authors, Black  
Children's television programs

### **Occupations**

Motion picture producers.

### **Names**

Collins, Tee, 1923-2000  
Cooney, Joan Ganz  
Sesame Street (Television program)

## **Container List**

- b. 1 f. 1 Biographical matter
- b. 1 f. 2 Design notes
- b. 1 f. 3 Wanda the Witch storyboard
- b. 1 f. 4 Songhai Princess programs, flyers, and broadsides
- b. 1 f. 5 Tee Collins Inc  
Includes logo and brochure.
- b. 1 f. 6 Correspondence 1993-2000
- b. 1 f. 7 Tributes
- b. 1 f. 8 Articles ca. 1978-2001