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Guide to the

Belle Baker and Marilyn Cooper collection

1912-1970

*T-Mss 2012-062

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Summary

Creator: Baker, Belle

Title: Belle Baker and Marilyn Cooper collection

Date: 1912-1970

Size: .6 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Unknown.

Abstract: Belle Baker (circa 1893-1957) was an American actress and singer. Her niece, Marilyn Cooper (1934-2009), was an actress. The Belle Baker and Marilyn Cooper collection (1912-1970) contains photographs, scores, clippings, sound recordings, and other materials relating to the careers of Belle Baker and Marilyn Cooper, respectively.

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Creator History

Belle Baker (circa 1893-1957) was an American actress and singer. Her niece, Marilyn Cooper (1934-2009), was an actress. Baker was a ragtime and torch song singer and vaudeville actress. Among her best known songs are "My Yiddishe Mama," "Blue Skies," "I'm Sorry I Made You Cry," "My Man," and "My Kid." She performed with the Ziegfeld Follies, on Broadway, in silent films, and for the radio show *The Eveready Hour*.

Marilyn Cooper, primarily a Broadway actress, made her stage debut in *Mr. Wonderful* in 1956. Other Broadway credits include *Golden Rainbow*, *Two By Two*, *Woman of the Year*, and *Broadway Bound*. She also appeared in film and on television.

Scope and Content Note

The Belle Baker and Marilyn Cooper collection (1912-1970) contains photographs, scores, clippings, and sound recordings. The collection also contains three painted fashion designs, a script excerpt for "This is Your Life," a souvenir journal for a Belle Baker testimonial dinner, and two published booklets: *The Secretary's Job* and *The Singer's Job*, the latter of which was written by Cooper and Baker. Photographs are headshots, portraits, and snapshots of Baker with friends and colleagues at events. Scores are for "That Mellow Melody" and "I'm Sorry I made you Cry." Sound recordings document songs sung by either Cooper or Baker.

Arrangement: Arranged by format.

Key Terms

Occupations

Actresses
Jewish singers
Women singers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs
Scores
Sound recordings

Names

Cooper, Marilyn

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Clippings 1912-1936
 - b. 1 f. 2-3 Fashion Designs 1960s
 - b. 1 f. 4 Photographs circa 1917-1920s
 - b. 2 f. 1-3 Photographs circa 1917-1950s
 - b. 1 f. 5 Scores 1912-1931
 - b. 2 f. 4 Script Excerpt 1955
 - b. 2 f. 5 *The Singer's Job and The Secretary's Job* 1951
- Sound Recordings
- origsr.222365 "All the World's a Stage" undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222367 "Funny You Should Ask"/"Nothing Lasts Forever" undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222378 "I've Got the Yes! We Have No Banana Blues"/"Jubilee Blues" 1930
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222380 "Laughing at Life"/"Sweetheart of My Student Days" circa 1930
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222368 "Let's Get Married" undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222361 "The Money Song" 1970
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222362 "Two By Two" undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222363 **Untitled** undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222364 **Untitled** undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222366 **Untitled** undated
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222379 "Yiddishe Momme"/"Eli Eli" circa 1943
Unavailable pending digitization.
 - origsr.222381 "You're the One I Care For"/"Overnight" circa 1931
Unavailable pending digitization.
- b. 2 f. 6 **Souvenir Journal** 1940
Published by the Ladies' Welfare League of the Yiddish Theatrical Alliance.