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Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound

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.

**Access:** Access to original items by permission only. Some items may be available as service copies. Other items which need preservation work may require advance notification for use. Refer to item descriptions in individual catalog records for more information.

### Conditions Governing Access:

Access to acetate discs restricted.

**Preferred citation:** Richard Rodgers collection of musicals and interviews [sound recording], Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound, The New York Public Library

### 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

Little, 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  
Torme\_, Mel, 1925-1999  
Traubel, Helen  
Vallée, Rudy, 1901-1986  
Verrett, Shirley  
Walter, Cy, 1915-1968  
Waring, Fred, 1900-1984  
Whiting, Margaret  
Wright, Martha