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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jeff Alexander Television, Radio, and Motion Picture Music Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1943-1970.

Collection number: 42

Creator: Alexander, Jeff

Extent: 31 boxes(15.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Performing Arts Special Collections
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Abstract: This collection consists of holographs and/or ozalid copies of musical sketches for various TV commercials, radio programs, television shows, television specials, and motion picture scores.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Performing Arts Special Collections for paging information.

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Jeff Alexander; gift; 1980. Jill Alexander; gift; 1992, 1997.

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Biography

Alexander was a founder of the Screen Composers of America; he wrote music for more than 40 feature films, starting with *Shall we dance* (1937), and including *The mating game*, *The tender trap*, and *Jailhouse rock*; collaborated on several MGM musicals, including *Gigi*, *Singin' in the rain*, and *Kismet*; arranged music for various radio programs, including *The hit parade*, *The Camel hour*, and *The Lucky Strike hour*; he was music director for *Amos 'n' Andy* and *Hollywood star playhouse*; composed music for television shows, including *Columbo*, *Wagon train*, and *The twilight zone*; died at the age of 79 on *Whidbey Island*, Washington, on Dec. 23, 1989.

Scope and Content

Holographs and/or ozalid copies of musical sketches for TV commercials, radio programs (most notably *Amos and Andy*); television shows (including *My Three Sons*, *Family Affair*, *Greatest Show on Earth*, *Please Don't Eat the Daisies*, *Dr. Kildare*, *Sam Benedict*, and the *Rounders*), and various television specials. Holographs or copies of the following motion picture scores (MGM productions unless cited otherwise): *Double Trouble* (1967); *Dirty Dingus Magee* (1970); *Support Your Local Sheriff* (United Artists, 1969); *Partygirl* (1958); *The Sheepman* (1958); *Ask any Girl* (1959); *Day of the Evil Gun* (1968); *Slander* (1956); *It Started with a Kiss* (1959); *All the Fine Young Cannibals* (1960); *The Gazebo* (1959); *These Wilder Years* (1959); *Men of the Fighting Lady* (1954); *Rogue Cop* (1954); *Ransom* (1956); *Gun Glory* (1957); *The Mating Game* (1959); *High Cost of Loving* (1958); *Great American Pastime* (1956); *The Tender Trap* (1955); *Saddle the Wind* (1958); *Wings of Eagles* (1957); *Kismet* (1944); *Kid Galahad* (United Artists, 1962); *The George Raft Story* (Allied Artists, 1961); *Clambake* (United Artists, 1967); also includes some choir arrangements. Also additional manuscript scores, framed tributes, awards, letters of recognition, photographs with personalities, drawings, and sound recordings.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Alexander, Jeff--Archives.

Composers--United States--Archival resources.

Music--Manuscripts.

Motion picture music--Scores.

Television music--Scores.

Radio music--Scores.
