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## **Finding Aid for the Carol Burnett Papers, 1961-1982**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Carol Burnett Collection

**Date (inclusive):** 1961-1982

**Collection number:** 66

**Creator:** Burnett, Carol

**Extent:** 9 boxes (3.5 linear ft.)

**Abstract:** Comedienne Carol Burnett has entertained audiences since the 1950s. Her career includes work on stage, television and motion pictures. The collection consists of material related to her career, which includes souvenir programs, clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, scripts, awards, and artwork.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Arts Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

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

### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

Gift, 1985.

### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], Carol Burnett Collection (Collection 66). Performing Arts Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

### **Biography**

Carol Burnett was born in San Antonio, Texas on April 26, 1933. During the 1950s, Burnett gained popularity as a regular on *The Garry Moore Television Show*. She made her Broadway debut in the musical *Once Upon a Mattress* (1959) and appeared in several television specials in the 1960s before moving on to her own weekly television program *The Carol Burnett Show*. Burnett's screen credits include *Pete 'n' Tillie* (1972), *The Four Seasons* (1981), and *Annie* (1982). Burnett is the recipient of number awards and was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame in 1985.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection includes scripts for television projects; scrapbooks for television, motion picture, and live stage projects; printed ephemera, clippings, assorted photographs, and awards. The bulk of the collection is comprised of scripts from television projects including *The Carol Burnett Show* (dating 1976-77), and *Carol and Company*, along with a small number of other Carol Burnett specials. There is also a small amount of photographs and printed ephemera for television work. Motion picture materials are comprised of photographs and scrapbooks from a small number of projects, including *Annie* and *The Wedding*. There is also a small amount of printed ephemera and photographs from stage and live appearances. Additionally there is a small number of clippings, artwork, and awards and certificates related to various events in Burnett's career.

### **Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

- Series 1. Motion Picture Projects
- Series 2. Stage and Live Performance Projects
- Series 3. Television Projects
- Series 4. Artwork
- Series 5. Awards and Certificates (boxes 7-8)
- Series 6. Photographs (box 9)
- Series 7. Press Clippings (boxes 2, 8)
- Series 8. Scrapbooks (box 6)

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## Indexing Terms

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

### Subjects

Burnett, Carol--Archives.

Actresses--United States--Archival resources.

### Genres and Forms of Material

Scrapbooks.

Photographs.

- Nat Faber Collection of Television Show Music Arrangements (Collection 33). Available at Music Library Special Collections, UCLA.
- Arnold Rosen Collection of Carol Burnett Show Script Materials (Collection 67). Available at Arts Library Special Collections, UCLA.
- Carol Burnett Collection (Collection 165). Available at Music Library Special Collections, UCLA.

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## Series 1. Motion Picture Projects

**Physical Description:** (boxes 1,2,4,5,9)

### Scope and Content Note

The series consists mostly of photographs and scrapbooks related to motion picture projects in which Carol Burnett was involved. The series is arranged alphabetically into sub-series by project title. The bulk of the series includes photographs and scrapbooks from *Annie*. Additionally, there is a small number of items for *The Four Seasons*, *Health*, *Pete 'n' Tillie*, *Plaza Suite*, and *The Wedding*. Notably missing from the series are scripts. The files within each series are arranged alphabetically by file titles which reflect the content of the folders.

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## Annie

Box 9, Folder 1  
Box 9, Folder 3  
Box 9, Folder 2  
Box 9, Folder 4  
Box 4

**Annie - photographs (10 items) no date**

**Annie - photographs (7 items) no date**

**Annie - photographs duplicates (7 items) no date**

**Annie - photographs group shots (7 items) no date**

**Annie - scrapbooks [ca. 1980's]**

### Note

Black album - clippings, press releases and publicity.

Box 4

**Annie - scrapbooks [ca. 1980's]**

### Note

Black album - photos for publicity release.

Box 4

**Annie - scrapbooks [ca. 1980's]**

### Note

Brown album - clippings and news releases.

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## Four Seasons (The)

Box 9, Folder 5

**Four Seasons (The) - photograph group shot (1 item) no date**

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## Health

Health

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Box 5 **Health - scrapbook of photographs [ca. 1970's]**

**Note**

Brown leather album.

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**Pete 'n' Tillie**

Box 9, Folder 6 **Pete 'n' Tillie - photographs (2 items) no date**

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**Plaza Suite**

Box 1, Folder 1 **Plaza Suite by Neil Simon - script no date**

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**Wedding (The)**

Box 9, Folder 7 **Wedding (The) - photograph (1 item) no date**

Box 2, Folder 1 **Wedding (The) - production/publicity notebook with character information no date**

Box 5 **Wedding (The) - scrapbook of photographs [ca. 1970's]**

**Note**

White album.

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Series 2. **Stage and Live Performance Projects**

**Physical Description:** (boxes 2, 4, 9)

**Scope and Content Note**

The Stage and Live Performance Projects series consists of memorabilia, printed ephemera and photographs from live performances and/or appearances featuring Carol Burnett. The series is arranged alphabetically by project title. Included are photographs with Carol Lawrence, a program and photographs from a White House appearance, a souvenir book from *I DO! I Do!*, a scrapbook of photographs from *Once Upon a Mattress*, and a souvenir book from *Same Time Next Year*. Notably missing from the series are scripts.

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Box 9, Folder 12 **C.B. with others - photographs (6 items) no date**

Box 9, Folder 13 **Photograph with Carol Lawrence; photograph of circus act (10 items) no date**

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**I DO ! I DO!**

Box 2, Folder 3-4 **I DO ! I DO! - program and souvenir book for musical performance at Huntington Hartford Theatre with C.B. and Rock Hudson. no date**

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**Once Upon A Mattress**

Box 4 **Once Upon A Mattress - scrapbook of photographs no date**

**Note**

Blue album.

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**Same Time, Next Year**

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Box 2, Folder 5

**Same Time, Next Year - souvenir book 1975****Note**

New York Brooks Atkinson Theatre with C.B. and Dick Van Dyke.

**White House Appearance**

Box 2, Folder 6

**White House appearance programs 1976 Jan 27****Note**

In honor of the Prime Minister Rabin of Israel with C.B. and Helen Reddy.

Box 9, Folder 11

**White House Performance - photographs (5 items) [ca. 1976]****Series 3. Television Projects****Physical Description:** (boxes 1-3; 9-14)**Scope and Content Note**

The Television Projects series consists mainly of scripts for the television programs, *Carol and Company* (1990) and *The Carol Burnett Show* (1976-1978). Additionally, there is one script each from the Carol Burnett specials, the *Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion* and *Carol Burnett: The Special Years*; a scrapbook and script for the program *Eunice*; and a scrapbook for *Friendly Fire*. The series is arranged alphabetically into sub-series by television program title. The files within each subseries are arranged alphabetically by file titles which reflect the content of the folders.

**Carol and Company**

Box 10

**Battle of the Exes - script 1990 Mar 22**

Box 10

**Bump In The Night - script 1990 Feb 16**

Box 10

**Headcheese - second draft script 1989 Oct 18**

Box 10

**Home Shopping - second draft script 1989 Aug 25**

Box 10

**In-Laws Should Be Outlawed - script 1990 Apr 26**

Box 10

**Jewel of Denial - script 1990 Apr 10**

Box 10

**Kruber Alert - script 1990 Mar 19**

Box 10

**Make Room For Dottie - first mimeo draft 1990 Feb 19**

Box 10

**Mother From Hell - script 1990 Apr 13**

Box 10

**Myna and the Messenger - second draft script no date**

Box 10

**Noah's Place - first mimeo draft 1990 Apr 2**

Box 10

**Noah's Place - script 1990 Apr 27**

Box 10

**Piano Bar - first mimeo draft 1989 Dec 4**

Box 10

**Reunion - script 1990 Apr 9**

Box 10

**Soap Gets In Your Eyes - script 1990 mar 22**

Box 10

**Spudnik - script 1990 Apr 13**

Box 10

**The Fabulous Bicker Girls - script 1990 Apr 12****Carol Burnett Show (The)**

Box 2, Folder 2

**Carol Burnett Show (The) - special souvenir program no date****Note**

For C.B.Show done in Australia for the opening of the Sydney Opera House.

Box 11

**Final draft script 1977 Mar 21**

Box 13

**Final draft script 1978 Jan 25**

Box 11

**Final revision script 1976 Dec 1**

Box 11

**Final revision script 1977 Feb 9**

Box 11

**Final revision script 1977 Jan 19**

Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1977 Jan 12</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1977 Jan 5</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1976 Dec 8</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1977 Feb 17</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1976 Dec 15</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1977 Feb 2</b>
Box 11	<b>Final revision script 1977 Mar 2</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Nov 9</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Nov 16</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Nov 2</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Oct 19</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Oct 12</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Sept 28</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Sept 14</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Sept 7</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Aug 31</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Aug 24</b>
Box 12	<b>Final revision script 1977 Oct 5</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1977 Dec 7</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Feb 1</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Jan 18</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Mar 8</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Jan 11</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Jan 4</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Feb 22</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1977 Dec 14</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1977 Nov 30</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Feb 15</b>
Box 13	<b>Final revision script 1978 Mar 1</b>
Box 14	<b>Final revision script 1976 Nov 3</b>
Box 14	<b>Final revision script 1976 Nov 17</b>
Box 14	<b>Final revision script 1976 Nov 10</b>
Box 9, Folder 8-10	<b>Photographs (16 items) 1967 - 1979</b>
Box 13	<b>Special Evening with Carol Burnett (A) - final revision script 1978 Mar 15</b>

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**Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion (The)**

Box 10	<b>Final draft script 1992 Oct 12</b>
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**Carol Burnett: The Special Years**

Box 10	<b>First draft script 1994 Apr 18</b>
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**Eunice**

Box 3	<b>Eunice - scrapbook of photographs from skit rehearsal [1981]</b>
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Note

Red album.

Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Eunice - script 1981 May 23 - tape date</b>
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Note

Two hour special including regular cast members from The Carol Burnett Show.

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**Friendly Fire**

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Box 3

**Friendly Fire - scrapbooks 1979****Note**

Two brown albums - one of clippings and one of photographs.

Series 4. **Artwork****Physical Description:** (box 6)**Scope and Content Note**

The Artwork series is comprised of a small number of drawings of Burnett which includes: ink and pencil drawings; caricature autographed and signed by cast and crew (from an unidentified project); and a charcoal portrait. The series is not arranged in a specific order.

Box 6, Folder 2

**Caricature drawing of C.B. pregnant - autographed and signed by cast and crew. no date**

Box 6, Folder 3

**Charcoal portrait of C.B. by Jim Nelson 1980**

Box 6, Folder 1

**Ink and pencil drawings by Robert Dolce 1961, 1962****Note**

C.B. with Eileen (1961); C.B. with Julie (1962)

Series 5. **Awards and Certificates****Physical Description:** (boxes 7-8)**Scope and Content Note**

The series consists of various awards and certificates honoring Carol Burnett. The bulk of the series consists of awards from The People's Choice honoring Carol Burnett as Favorite Female Entertainer of the Year (1976-81). The series is arranged alphabetically by award or honor title.

Box 8, Folder 2

**Assorted certificates 1968, 1977****Note**

Montana Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television appreciation (Dec 1968); Kentucky Colonel cert. (Dec 1977).

Box 7, Folder 3

**People's Choice Award - Favorite All-Around Female Entertainer 1977 Feb 10**

Box 8, Folder 1

**People's Choice Award - Favorite All-Around Female Entertainer 1979 March 8**

Box 8, Folder 2

**People's Choice Award - Favorite All-Around Female Entertainer 1980 Jan 24**

Box 8, Folder 4

**People's Choice Award - Favorite All-Around Female Entertainer 1981 March 5**

Box 7, Folder 1

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Entertainer of the Year 1976 Feb 19**

Box 7, Folder 2

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Television Performer 1976 Feb 19**

Box 7, Folder 4

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Television Performer 1978 Feb 20**

Box 7, Folder 5

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Television Performer 1979 March 8**

Box 8, Folder 3

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Television Performer 1980 Jan 24**

Box 8, Folder 5

**People's Choice Award - Favorite Female Television Performer 1981 March 5**Series 6. **Photographs****Physical Description:** (box 9)**Scope and Content Note**

This series consist of four photographs that include Burnett, but are not identified with a specific project. Additionally, there is an oversized framed image of Burnett as Grand Marshall of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. The series is not arranged in a specific order.

Box 9, Folder 14  
Box 9, Folder 15

**Portraits of C.B. (4 items) no date**  
**Unidentified social event (2 items) no date**  
Series 7. **Press Clippings**

**Physical Description:** (boxes 2, 8)

**Scope and Content Note**

This series is a small number of press clippings about Burnett and assorted projects.

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Box 8, Folder 1

**Assorted clippings 1970, 1976, 1980**

**Note**

C.B. speech at Emerson College 100th commencement (June 1980); Los Angeles Magazine (Jan 1976); Todo (Dec 1970).

Box 2, Folder 7

**Clippings for Annie, Carol Burnett Show and Pete 'n' Tillie. no date**  
Series 8. **Scrapbooks**

**Physical Description:** (box 6)

**Scope and Content Note**

This series is comprised of a 1981 scrapbook documenting the *Carol Burnett Fund for Responsible Journalism* at University of Hawaii.

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Box 6

**Carol Burnett Fund for Responsible Journalism at U of Hawaii - scrapbook 1981**

**Note**

Blue scrapbook.