Descriptive Summary

Title: Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme Scripts
Date (inclusive): 1964-1984,
Date (bulk): (bulk 1970-1984)
Collection number: 290
Extent: 5 boxes (2.5 linear ft.) and 3 cartons (4.5 linear ft.)

Abstract: The singing duo of Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme have been performing for audiences since the 1950s and have appeared on numerous television shows over the years. The collection is comprised of scripts representing many of the television programs on which Lawrence and Gorme appeared (both individually and together) during the 1970s-1980s.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition
Gift of Lawrence and Gorme, 1999.

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Biography

Edith Gormezano was born on August 16, 1931, in Bronx, NY. Her career started in 1950 singing with band leader Tommy Tucker. Shortly after, she worked with Tex Beneke before going out on her own and appearing in nightclubs, and on radio and television. In September 1953, she became a permanent member of Steve Allen’s Tonight show on which she sang and wrote and performed sketches. It was while working on the Tonight show that she met, partnered with, and later married Steve Lawrence. Stephen Leibowitz was born July 8, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York. He made his recording debut for King Records at the age of 16. He got his television start working on Steve Allen’s Tonight show, where he met, partnered with and later married Eydie Gorme.

The couple was married on December 29, 1957 and have sustained their careers performing together and individually for over forty years. In 1964, Lawrence earned the New York Drama Critics award and a Tony nomination for his Broadway debut in What makes Sammy Run. In 1968 the couple appeared in the Broadway musical, Golden Rainbow. Over the years they have appeared on numerous television programs, together and solo, including the Carol Burnett Show, Kraft Music Hall, and the Flip Wilson Show, among others. In 1975, they had a TV special, Our Love Is Here to Stay, a tribute to George Gershwin which won an Emmy Award. In 1978, the television special Steve and Eydie Celebrate Irving Berlin won seven Emmys, including one for Outstanding Comedy-Variety or Music Program (Special or Series) that went to Gorme and Lawrence as performers. In 1987 they joined Steve Allen in his production of Alice in Wonderland.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of television scripts related to the careers of Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme. In some cases Lawrence and Gorme appeared together on the same television program, and each received their own script. The scripts identified as belonging to Eydie Gorme include television shows and specials from 1970-79 and include Golden Globe Awards programs, the Carol Burnett Show, Here’s Lucy, Our Love Is Here To Stay(George Gershwin special), and From This Moment On (Cole Porter special), among others. Scripts identified as belonging to Steve Lawrence include television shows and specials predominately from 1970-79 and include the Carol Burnett Show, Flip Wilson Show, and Foul-ups, Bleeps, and Blunders, among others. Scripts from the same productions identified for both Lawrence and Gorme include the Bob Hope Anniversary Special, the Kraft Music Hall: Two On The Aisle, and Golden Rainbow. Additionally, there are script covers, most of which have a corresponding script in the collection but were removed as a preservation treatment, along with a small number of covers without a corresponding script.
Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Series 1. Eydie Gorme Scripts (boxes 1-8)
2. Series 2. Steve Lawrence Scripts (boxes 1-8)
3. Series 3. Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme Scripts (boxes 1, 3, 4, 6)

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

Subjects
Gorme, Eydie--Archives.
Lawrence, Steve--1935- Archives.
Actors and Actresses--Archival resources.

Series 1. Eydie Gorme Scripts (1970-1978; boxes 1-5)
Scope and Content Note
This series consists of 15 television scripts identified as intended for Eydie Gorme. They include television shows and specials from 1970-79 such as the Golden Globe Awards programs, Carol Burnett Show, Here's Lucy, Our Love Is Here To Stay (George Gershwin special), and From This Moment On (Cole Porter special), among others. Lawrence and Gorme may have both appeared on the programs together, but each received their own script. The series arranged alphabetically by television show title. Any script cover/binder which has been separated from a script for preservation purposes is noted.

Box 3, Folder 6
31st Annual Golden Globe Awards (The) - first draft script (1974 Jan 18)
Note
Script cover removed to box 7.

Box 3, Folder 12
Box 1, Folder 9
33rd Annual Golden Globe Awards (The) - revised script (1976 Jan 7)
Carol Burnett Show (The) - first draft script (1970 Sep - Oct)
Note
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Box 2, Folder 11
Carol Burnett Show (The) - first draft script (1973 Sep 13)
Note
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Box 4, Folder 4
Box 4, Folder 2
Carol Burnett Show (The) - first draft script (1978 Jan 5)
Carol Burnett Show (The) - revised script (1977 Jan 20)
Note
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Box 3, Folder 11
Carol Burnett Show (The) - script (1975 Dec 6)
Note
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Box 1, Folder 3
Don Knotts Show (The) - first draft script (1970 Jul - Sep)
Note
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| Box 5, Folder 15 | **From This Moment On (Cole Porter special) - script (1976 Dec)**  
Note  
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| Box 5, Folder 13 | **George Gershwin Special "Our Love Is Here To Stay" - script (1975 Jul 22)**  
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| Box 2, Folder 10  
Box 3, Folder 5 | **Here's Lucy - "Lucy, The Peacemaker" - final draft script (1973 Jul 5)**  
**Hi-Ho Steverino (25th Anniversary Salute to Steve Allen) - script material and production information (1974 Jan 4)**  
Note  
Script cover removed to box 7. |
| Box 2, Folder 1  
Box 1, Folder 6 | **Kraft Music Hall presents "Suburbia U.S.A." - final draft script (1971 Mar 5)**  
**This is Tom Jones - script (1970 Sept - Oct)**  
Note  
Script cover removed to box 6. |
| Box 2, Folder 6  
Box 1, Folder 10 | **Tim Conway Comedy Hour (The) - second draft script (1970 Nov 18)**  
Note  
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Note  
Includes cover (red) for the Carol Burnett Show inscribed by Gorme. |
| Box 8 | **Script covers (no date)**  
**Series 2. Steve Lawrence Scripts (1964, 1970-1984; boxes 1-5);**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
This series consists of 40 scripts identified as intended for Steve Lawrence. They include television shows and specials predominantly from the 1970s-84 such as the Carol Burnett Show, Flip Wilson Show, and Foul-ups, Bleeps, and Blunders, among others. Lawrence and Gorme may have both appeared on the same programs together, but each received their own script. The series arranged alphabetically by television show title. Any script cover/binder which has been separated from a script for preservation purposes is noted. |
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| Box 4, Folder 5 | **Big Show (The) - final draft script (1980 Mar 12)**  
Note  
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| Box 2, Folder 3 | **Carol Burnett Show (The) - final draft script (1972 Jul 19)**  
Note  
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| Box 2, Folder 6 | **Carol Burnett Show (The) - final revision script (1972 Dec 12)**  
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Box 3, Folder 8  Lights! Camera! Monty! - first draft script (1975 Jan 20)
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Box 2, Folder 8  NBC Follies (The) - final draft script (1973 Jul 4)
Box 1, Folder 1  NBC Follies of 1965 - second draft script (1964 Nov 10)
Box 1, Folder 11 Pearl Bailey Show (The) - final draft script (1971 Jan - Feb)
Box 4, Folder 1  Sonny and Cher Show (The) - final draft script (1976 Sep 29)
                Note
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Box 4, Folder 3  Television Critics Circle Awards (The) - script (1977 Apr 11)
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Box 1, Folder 5  This is Tom Jones - script (1970 Sept - Oct)
Box 6, Folder 0  Script covers (no date)
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                Note
                Includes cover (red) for the Carol Burnett Show inscribed by Lawrence.

Box 8          Script covers (no date)

Series 3. Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme Scripts (1968, 1981; boxes 1, 3, 4)
Scope and Content Note
This series consists a single script representing appearances by Lawrence and Gorme on The
Kraft Music Hall: Presents Two On The Aisle and the Bob Hope Anniversary Special. Also
includes a script for what appears to be the stage performance of Golden Rainbow. The
series arranged alphabetically by television show title.

Box 3, Folder 9  Golden Rainbow - script (no date)
Box 1, Folder 2  Kraft Music Hall (The): presents Two On The Aisle - script (1968 Mar 24)
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Box 6          Kraft Music Hall (The): presents Two On The Aisle - script cover (1968 Mar 24)