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Collection Summary

Title: Columbia Broadcasting System Radio Scripts

Span Dates: 1929-1960

ID No.: MSS55731

Creator: Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

Extent: 5,700 items ; 204 containers ; 85 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Primarily entertainment programs of the 1930s and 1940s with a few news programs and documentaries.

Programs include Adventures of Ellery Queen, Brave New World, City Hospital, Doorway to Life, Haunted House, Lux Summer Theater, Open Hearing, Pursuit of Happiness, Report to the Nation, and Showboat.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Organizations

Columbia Broadcasting System, inc.

Subjects

Radio programs.

Radio scripts.

Titles

Adventures of Ellery Queen (Radio program)

Brave New World (Radio program)

City Hospital (Radio program)

Doorway to Life (Radio program)

Haunted House (Radio program)

Lux Summer Theater (Radio program)

Open Hearing (Radio program)

Pursuit of Happiness (Radio program)

Report to the Nation (Radio program)

Showboat (Radio program)

Administrative Information

Provenance

The records of the Columbia Broadcasting System were given to the Library of Congress by the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1968.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

The radio scripts of the Columbia Broadcasting System span the years 1929-1960. The bulk of the material is from the 1930s and 1940s. The collection consists for the most part of programs for entertainment; few news programs or documentaries are included. Programs include Adventures of Ellery Queen, Brave New World, City Hospital, Doorway to Life, Haunted House, Lux Summer Theater, Open Hearing, Pursuit of Happiness, Report to the Nation, and Showboat.

Arrangement of the Papers

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