

Finding Aid for *Rob Wagner's Script* Collection

Special Collection #29

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Overview of the Collection

Origination/Creator: Wagner Publishing Co.
Title of Collection: Rob Wagner's Script Periodical Collection
Date of Collection: August 12, 1929 - November 22, 1941
Physical Description: 6 boxes
Identification: Special Collection #29
Repository: American Film Institute Louis B. Mayer Library, Los Angeles, CA

Rights and Restrictions

Access Restrictions: Collection is open for research.
Copyright: The copyright interests in this collection remain with the creator. For more information, contact the Louis B. Mayer Library.
Acquisition Method: Donated by Jena and Dina Ezzeddine on March 2nd, 2023

Biographical/Historical Note

Rob Wagner's Script was founded in 1929 by Robert Leicester Wagner. He served as the editor and publisher of the literary film magazine until his death in 1942. The magazine continued until 1949. It was called the cultural precursor to *New Yorker* magazine. The Charlie Chaplin Archive, which speaks on Chaplin's friendship with Wagner, stated that the magazine "was known for its frank accounts of America's socio-political atmosphere, and featured controversial writers such as William Saroyan, Upton Sinclair and Dalton Trumbo".

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains 302 issues of the periodical *Rob Wagner's Script* dating from 1929 to 1941. It includes issues from Volumes 2 through 26. Subjects include actor biographies, commentaries, articles on present issues in Hollywood, and human-interest stories. Almost all the periodicals are fully intact, with only three having a separated front or back page, which is filed with the issue. The collection is arranged by volume in ascending date order, in six boxes. Each box contains five to seven folders.

Container List

Box 1

- f. 1 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 8, 9, 11, 16-20
- f. 2 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 2, No. 21-26
- f. 3 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol 3, No. 53, 55, 65-68
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 3, No. 69-71, 73-78
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 4, No. 80-84, 88, 90
- f. 6 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol. 5, No. 105, 130, 131
- f. 7 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol. 7, No. 157-163

Box 2

- f. 1 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol. 7, No. 168-172
- f. 2 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol. 7, No. 173-177, 179-182
- f. 3 *Rob Wagners's Script*, Vol. 8, No. 183-194
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 8, No. 196-203
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 8, No. 204-208
- f. 6 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 9, No. 209-220
- f. 7 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 9, No. 221-228

Box 3

- f. 1 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 9, No. 229-232
- f. 2 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 10, No. 233-242
- f. 3 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 10, No. 243-251
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 10, No. 252-257
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 11, No. 260-272
- f. 6 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 11, No. 273, 276-281

Box 4

- f. 1 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 12, No. 282-291, 293, 296, 297, 299
- f. 2 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 12, No. 300-305
- f. 3 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 13, No. 306-313, 315, 316
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 13, No. 317-329
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 14, No. 330-338

Box 5

- f.1 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 14, No. 339-345, 347
- f.2 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 14, No. 347-352
- f. 3 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 15, No. 354, 359, 376
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 16, No. 379
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 18, No. 426-432, 434, 437-443
- f. 6 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 18, No. 448
- f. 7 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 19, No. 449, 451, 454-460
- f. 8 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 19, No. 461, 462, 464-471
- f. 9 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 20, No. 472, 486

Box 6

- f. 1 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 20, No. 491, 493
- f. 2 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 21, No. 503, 508, 512, 514-516
- f. 3 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 22, No. 518, 521, 531
- f. 4 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 23, No. 543-545
- f. 5 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 24, No. 559, 561-563, 565, 567, 568, 570
- f. 6 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 25, No. 581, 586, 589, 590, 592-594, 596, 597, 599, 601, 603
- f. 7 *Rob Wagner's Script*, Vol. 26, No. 604, 608-611, 614-616