

## Finding Aid for Rob Wagner's Script Collection

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## OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

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| <b>Origination/Creator:</b>  | Wagner Publishing Co.  |
| <b>Title of Collection:</b>  | Rob Wagner's Script Periodical Collection  |
| <b>Date of Collection:</b>   | August 12, 1929–November 22, 1941  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b> | 6 boxes  |
| <b>Identification:</b>       | Special Collection #29   |
| <b>Repository:</b>           | American Film Institute<br>AFI Archives<br>2021 N. Western Ave.<br>Los Angeles, CA |

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| <b>Access Restrictions:</b> | Collection is open for research.  |
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| <b>Acquisition Method:</b>  | Donated by Jena and Dina Ezzeddine (March 2nd, 2023)  |

## 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

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- 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