

Dean Martin Celebrity Roast Scripts from the Milton Berle Papers



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Collection Summary

Title: Dean Martin celebrity roast scripts from the Milton Berle collection

Inclusive Dates: 1973-1976

Bulk Dates: 1973

Extent: 8 items : 313 sheets ; 8.5 x 11 inches

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English.

Location: Moving Image Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Entertainer Dean Martin's Celebrity Roast debuted as a segment on the Dean Martin Show in 1973, continuing as a series of television specials from 1974-1984. The collection consists of 8 scripts featuring comic roasts of Ronald Reagan, Hugh Hefner, Ed McMahon, William Conrad, Bette Davis, Barry Goldwater, Wilt Chamberlain, and Joe Garagiola.

Location: A 01574 (box 1)

Provenance

The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast scripts were transferred from the Music Division, Library of Congress, in June 2024.

Custodial History

The collection was received by the Library of Congress as part of the Milton Berle papers in 2013.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast Scripts from the Milton Berle Papers were processed by David Jackson in June 2024.

Additional Guides

A finding aid for the Milton Berle papers in the Music Division is available at findingaids.loc.gov.

Related Material

The Jerry Lewis papers in the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center contains clippings, photographs and other material from Martin's partnership with Lewis. A finding aid is available at findingaids.loc.gov.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast Scripts are open to research. Advance notice is required; contact a reference librarian in the Moving Image Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-8572.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1917, June 7	Born Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio
1946, July 25	Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis debut as a team at Atlantic City's 500 Club
1948-1953	<i>The Martin and Lewis Show</i> on the National Broadcasting Company radio network
1949	Martin and Lewis make film debut as featured supporting actors in <i>My Friend Irma</i>
1950-1955	Martin and Lewis host a total of 28 episodes of <i>The Colgate Comedy Hour</i> on the National Broadcasting Company television network
1953	First long-play record album, <i>Dean Martin Sings</i>
1957	Dean Martin makes his solo film debut in <i>Ten Thousand Bedrooms</i>
1965-1974	<i>The Dean Martin Show</i> runs for 9 seasons (264 episodes) on the National Broadcasting Company television network
1966-1969	Dean Martin stars as secret agent Matt Helm in a series of films: <i>The Silencers</i> , <i>Murderers' Row</i> , <i>The Ambushers</i> , and <i>The Wrecking Crew</i>
1973-1974	<i>The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast</i> is a featured segment (25 episodes) during the final season of <i>The Dean Martin Show</i> , beginning with California Governor Ronald Reagan on September 14, 1973
1974-1979	<i>The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast</i> airs as a series of 26 television specials on the National Broadcasting Company television network
1984	<i>The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast</i> is briefly revived for a final 3 episodes
1995, December 25	Passes away, Christmas day, in Beverly Hills, California

Actor, comedian, singer, host, entertainer. Born Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio. Partnered in comic duo with comedian Jerry Lewis from 1946-1956. As Martin and Lewis, the comic team featured in successful radio and television shows, motion pictures, and comic books. Following the team's breakup, Martin continued a successful career in film, as a singer of hit records, and as a popular night club entertainer. He starred as host of the Dean Martin Show for nine seasons from 1965-1974. The Celebrity Roast was a weekly feature of the final season, and continued independently as a series of television specials through 1984.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement

The Dean Martin Celebrity Roast Scripts from the Milton Berle Collection is organized in 2 series:

- [Series I. Scripts for the Dean Martin Show, 1973](#)
- [Series II. Scripts for the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast, 1976](#)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Chamberlain, Wilt, 1936-1999.
Conrad, William, 1920-1994.
Davis, Bette, 1908-1989.
Garagiola, Joe.
Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998.
Hefner, Hugh M. (Hugh Marston), 1926-2017.
Martin, Dean, 1917-1995.
McMahon, Ed.
Reagan, Ronald.

Organizations

Claude Productions.

Subjects

Roasts (Public speaking).

Titles

Dean Martin celebrity roast scripts

Form/Genre

Television scripts.

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I. Scripts for the Dean Martin Show, 1973

Series II. Scripts for the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast, 1976

Container List

Container	Contents
	Series I. Scripts for the Dean Martin Show, 1973
BOX-FOLDER 1/1	Governor Ronald Reagan roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 904, 1973, Sept. 14 17 pages Roasters: Jack Benny, Dom DeLuise, Phyllis Diller, Pat Henry, Nancy Reagan, Don Rickles, Nipsey Russell, Mark Spitz, Jackie Vernon, Jonathan Winters
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Hugh Hefner roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 901, 1973, Sept. 21 14 pages Roasters: Billy Baxter, Joey Bishop, Howard Cosell, Jackie Gayle, Tom T. Hall, Dick Martin, Audrey Meadows
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Ed McMahon roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 902, 1973, Sept. 28 13 pages Roasters: Charo, Ernest Borgnine, Pat Buttram, Jack Carter, Dom DeLuise, Steve Landesburg, Jackie Vernon, Dionne Warwick Video recording from Copyright Collection
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	William Conrad roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 903, 1973, Oct. 5 14 pages Roasters: Petula Clark, Phyllis Diller, Jackie Gayle, Bob Newhart, Nipsey Russell
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Bette Davis roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 909, 1973, Oct. 19 18 pages Roasters: Army Archerd, Pat Buttram, Howard Cosell, Henry Fonda, Joyce Haber, Barbara Heller, Kay Medford, Vincent Price, Nipsey Russell Video recording from Copyright Collection
BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Senator Barry Goldwater roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 907, 1973, Oct. 26 19 pages Roasters: William Conrad, Norm Crosby, Zsa Zsa Gabor, William Holden, Steve Landesberg, Carroll O'Connor, Donald Rice, Dan Rowan, Mark Russell
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Wilt Chamberlain roast from the Dean Martin show, no. 911, 1973, Nov. 9 18 pages Roasters: Ken Berry, Norm Crosby, Jackie Gayle, Happy Hairston, George Kennedy, Audrey Meadows, Nipsey Russell, Vernon Scott, Bill Shoemaker Video recording from Copyright Collection
	Series II. Scripts for the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast, 1976
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	The Dean Martin celebrity roast, no. 1107: Joe Garagiola, 1976, May 25 200 pages Roasters: Hank Aaron, Yogi Berra, Foster Brooks, Red Buttons, Charlie Callas, Jack Carter, Norm Crosby, Charlie Finley, Jackie Gayle, Pat Henry, Shirley Jones, Gabe Kaplan, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Stan Musial, Nipsey Russell, Luis Tiant, Orson Welles, Maury Wills