

David Kogan papers



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Collection Summary

Title: David Kogan papers

Inclusive Dates: 1941-2002

Bulk Dates: 1941-1952

Creator: Kogan, David A., 1916-

Textual materials: 0.85 linear feet (2 boxes, approximately 350 items)

Language: Collection materials are in English

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

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Summary: The collection consists of scripts, indexes, and correspondence relating to David Kogan's work as a scriptwriter for radio programs including *The Mysterious Traveler*, *Murder by Experts*, *Dark Destiny*, and others.

Location: RPA 03107-03108 (boxes 1-2)

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

Arthur, Robert.

Kogan, David A., 1916-, creator.

Organizations

Kogan, David A., 1916- --Archives.

Subjects

Blacklisting of authors.

Titles

Mysterious traveler.

Form/Genre

Radio scripts.

Collection Acquisition

Acquired by gift of Kenneth Kogan, May 2010.

Additions

No further additions to the collection are expected.

Processing Information

The collection was processed by David Jackson in 2019.

Use Restrictions

Restrictions may exist on copying, quoting, or publishing materials included in the collection. For additional information, contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

Access Restrictions

The David Kogan papers are open for research. Advance notice is required; contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

David Kogan was a radio and television scriptwriter best known as co-creator, with frequent collaborator Robert Arthur, of *The Mysterious Traveler*, and other fantasy thriller broadcast programs.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of scripts, indexes, and correspondence relating to David Kogan's work as a scriptwriter for radio programs including *The Mysterious Traveler*, *Murder by Experts*, *Dark Destiny*, and others. An extensive index of Kogan's scripts is found in series 2. Some of the correspondence and other papers concern Kogan's experience with blacklisting in the 1950's.

Collection Arrangement

The collection is arranged in 4 series:

- [Series 1: Scripts, 1942-1952](#)
- [Series 2: Radio and television scripts and recordings index, 1941-1949](#)
- [Series 3: Correspondence, 1996, 2002](#)
- [Series 4: Subject files, 1946-1949S](#)

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series 1. Scripts, 1942-1952

Consists of scripts from David Kogan's radio and television career in the 1940's and 1950's. Arranged alphabetically by radio or television program title.

Series 2. Radio and television scripts and recordings index, 1941-1949

The files in this series were originally kept together in a three-ring binder. The pages were removed for preservation purposes. The arrangement reflects the original sequencing of material.

Arranged according to original order in the three-ring binder.

Series 3. Correspondence, 1996, 2002

Arranged chronologically.

Series 4. Subject files, 1946-1949

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Container List

Container	Contents
	Series 1. Scripts, 1942-1952
	0.4 linear feet RPA 03107 (box 1) Consists of scripts from David Kogan's radio and television career in the 1940's and 1950's. Arranged alphabetically by radio or television program title.
	Radio scripts
BOX-FOLDER 1/1	Bulldog Drummond, 1942-02-17
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Girl scouts on the air, no. 148: "The seeing eye (Victory over darkness)", 1942-03
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Girl scouts on the air, no. 151: Hudson frontier, 1942-09
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	Homecoming, no. 3, 1949-05-01
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Lights out: "Collector's item", undated Adapted by David Kogan
BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Lights out: "The man the insects hated", undated Adapted by David Kogan
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Lights out: "They'll never believe me", undated Adapted by David Kogan
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	Lights out: "The visiting corpse", undated Adapted by David Kogan
BOX-FOLDER 1/9	Murder by experts, no. 2: "Triangle of death", 1949-06-20
BOX-FOLDER 1/10	The mysterious traveler, no. 1: "The hands that killed", 1943-12-05
BOX-FOLDER 1/11	The mysterious traveler, no. 2: "Death at storm house", 1943-12-12
BOX-FOLDER 1/12	The mysterious traveler, no. 3: "King of the world", 1943-12-19
BOX-FOLDER 1/13	The mysterious traveler, chapter 215: "The planet Zevius", 1949-08-02
BOX-FOLDER 1/14	The mysterious traveler, chapter 316: "Visitors from infinity", 1951-07-31
BOX-FOLDER 1/15	The road ahead, no. 1, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., 1945-05-02
BOX-FOLDER 1/16	The road ahead, no. 3, A A F Convalescent Hospital, Pawling, New York, 1945-05-16
BOX-FOLDER 1/17	The road ahead, no. 4, Thomas M. England General Hospital, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1945-05-23
BOX-FOLDER 1/18	The road ahead, no. 5, U. S. Naval Hospital at Albany, New York, 1945-05-30
BOX-FOLDER 1/19	The road ahead, no. 7, McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, 1945-06-13
BOX-FOLDER 1/20	The Shadow, no. 180: "The case of the immortal beauty", 1944-01-09
	Television scripts
BOX-FOLDER 1/21	The clock: "A grave plot", 1950-07-14
BOX-FOLDER 1/22	Dark destiny, no. 2: "Murder by proxy", 1952-03-24
BOX-FOLDER 1/23	Dark destiny, no. 3: "Dig your own grave", 1952-03-31
BOX-FOLDER 1/24	Dark destiny, no. 4: "The music box", 1952-03-24
	Series 2. Radio and television scripts and recordings index, 1941-1949
	0.2 linear feet RPA 03108 (box 2)

Series 2. Radio and television scripts and recordings index, 1941-1949

Container

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BOX-FOLDER 2/1	Calendars, 1942-1944
BOX-FOLDER 2/2	Radio markets index, undated
BOX-FOLDER 2/3	Scripts indices, 1941-1944 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scripts nos. 1-28, 1941-08-29--1942-10-15Scripts sold, 1941-11-07--1942-10-02Scripts produced, 1941-11-07--1942-03-08Scripts written and produced after October 15, 1943, 1943-10-28--1944-11-15
BOX-FOLDER 2/4	The Return of Nick Carter scripts index, 1944-04-17--1944-09-01
BOX-FOLDER 2/5	Recordings index <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recordings of the "Mysterious Traveller", 1943-1947<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 copiesRecordings of the "Mysterious Traveller", 1943-1949"Murder by Experts" recordings; and "Mysterious Traveller" tapes
BOX-FOLDER 2/6	Ratings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hooper, 1948-1949Pulse, 1948-1949Pulse, 1950-08-31
BOX-FOLDER 2/7	"Mysterious Traveler" scripts on hand as of April 14, 1945
BOX-FOLDER 2/8	Income from October 15, 1943 on
BOX-FOLDER 2/9	The Mysterious Traveler scripts index
	Collection of recordings: The Mysterious Traveller ; The Strange Dr. Weird
BOX-FOLDER 2/10	Cast indices <ul style="list-style-type: none">Casting of Mysterious Travelleruntitled cast list
BOX-FOLDER 2/11	The Mysterious Traveler clippings
BOX-FOLDER 2/12	Dark Destiny
BOX-FOLDER 2/13	Strange Dr. Weird
BOX-FOLDER 2/14	Murder by Experts
BOX-FOLDER 2/15	The Road Ahead
BOX-FOLDER 2/16	Voice in the Night
BOX-FOLDER 2/17	Clippings
BOX-FOLDER 2/18	The Sealed Book
BOX-FOLDER 2/19	Free lance market list. Spring supplement, 1948-05-01
BOX-FOLDER 2/20	Free lance market list. Supplement, 1948-07

Series 3. Correspondence, 1996, 2002

0.05 linear feet

RPA 03108 (box 2)

Arranged chronologically.

BOX-FOLDER 2/21	Letter to David Kogan from Anthony Tollin, 1996-04-25
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See also script for The Shadow.

Letter to David Kogan from Jay Hickerson of Friends of Old-Time Radio, inc., 1996-05-27

Series 3. Correspondence, 1996, 2002

Container

Contents

Letter from David Kogan to Ernest Kinoy, 2002-03-08

See also The Scriptwriter, Oct-Nov 1952

Letter from Ernest Kinoy to David Kogan, 2002-03-12

See also The Scriptwriter, Oct-Nov 1952

Series 4. Subject files, 1946-1949

0.2 linear feet

RPA 03108 (box 2)

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX-FOLDER 2/22

Blacklisting

BOX-FOLDER 2/23

Clippings

BOX-FOLDER 2/24

Contracts and agreements

BOX-FOLDER 2/25

The Mysterious Traveler magazine

BOX-FOLDER 2/26

Program logs

BOX-FOLDER 2/27

Radio and Television Directors Guild yearbook, 1949

BOX-FOLDER 2/28

Radio Writers Credits

Radio Writers Credits. Second edition, 1946-06

Radio Writers Credits. Eastern region. Revised edition., 1949-07