

Record newsletters and catalogs from the Edward J. Smith Papers



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Collection Summary

Title: Record newsletters and catalogs from the Edward J. Smith papers

Span Dates: 1958-1981

Creator: Smith, Edward J. (Edward Joseph), 1913-1984.

Extent: approximately 157 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.21 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English.

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2020616956>

Summary: Record producer. Primarily newsletters detailing recordings from Edward J. Smith's various record labels.

Location: Series 1-3: RPA 03616

Provenance

Gift; Family of Maynard F. Bertolet; November 17, 2017.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The Record newsletters and catalogs from the Edward J. Smith papers was processed by Michelle Dubert-Bellrichard in 2020.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [Container number, eg., Box 3], Edward J. Smith Papers, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress

Biographical Note

Edward Joseph Smith, 1913-1984, was an operatic music label owner who founded The Golden Age of Opera (1956-1971), Unique Opera Records (1972-1977), and the A.N.N.A. Record Company (1978-1982) labels. Smith's labels included

nearly 800 recordings of pirated radio broadcasts and home recordings. Recordings and catalogs were privately listed and distributed among collectors.

Scope and Content Note

[Series I, Newsletters](#)

The following subseries fall under Series I, Newsletters:

Golden Age of Opera

Unique Opera Records Corporation

A.N.N.A Record Company record release newsletters

[Series II, Discographies](#)

[Series III, Catalogs](#)

Arrangement

The Edward J. Smith Papers is organized in 3 series:

- [Series I: Newsletters](#)
- [Series II: Discographies](#)
- [Series III: Catalogs](#)

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

Smith, Edward J. (Edward Joseph), 1913-1984--Archives.

Smith, Edward J. (Edward Joseph), 1913-1984.

Organizations

A.N.N.A. Record Company

Unique Opera Record Corporation (Sound recording label)

Subjects

Mail-order sound recording industry.

Operas--Catalogs.

Operas--Discography.

Record labels--Catalogs.

Sound recording executives and producers--Archives.

Sound recordings--Catalogs.

Sound recordings--Pirated editions.

Vocal music--Catalogs.

Vocal music--Discography.

Titles

Golden Age of Opera.

Form/Genre

Catalogs.

Classical music radio programs.

Discographies.
Live sound recordings.
Newsletters.

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Record newsletters, 1958-10--1981-09

Subseries I: Golden Age of Opera

Subseries II: Unique Opera Records Corporation

Subseries III: A.N.N.A Record Company record release newsletters

Series II: Discographies

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