

ONA MUNSON COLLECTION  
1906 - 1949  
3 linear feet

The Billy Rose Theatre Collection  
The New York Public Library  
At Lincoln Center

\*T-MS 1990-012

8-MWEZ

+

n.c.

28,721-

28,733

November 1990 (RS)

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## INTRODUCTION

The Ona Munson Collection was received in good condition and consisted of unorganized contracts, photographs, programmes and scrapbooks.

The material has been arranged in three series. Duplicates have been removed from the collection.

## BIOGRAPHY

Ona Munson was born June 16, 1906 in Portland, Oregon.

Miss Munson began her professional career as a dancer in New York in vaudeville in 1922. Three years later she was a musical comedy star. She appeared in NO, NO, NANETTE, TIP-TOES, TWINKLE, TWINKLE and HOLD EVERYTHING. Miss Munson was soon discovered by Hollywood and appeared in several films, including FIVE STAR FINAL with Edward G. Robinson. She returned to Broadway to appear in a number of dramatic plays, including AS HUSBANDS GO, THE SILVER CORD and GHOSTS. Hollywood beckoned once again, and she returned to play in 20 more films, including GONE WITH THE WIND, WAGONS WESTWARD, THE SHANGHAI GESTURE and DAKOTA. Other stage productions in which she appeared were PETTICOAT FEVER, THE BISHOP MISBEHAVES and ACCENT ON YOUTH.

Miss Munson was married to Eddie Buzzell 1926-1931, Stewart MacDonald 19\_\_-19\_\_; and Eugene Berman 1950-1955. Ona Munson died February 11, 1955 in New York City.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Ona Munson Collection documents Miss Munson's life and career from 1906 to 1949, and is arranged in three series.

- I. Scrapbooks, 1919 - 1943  
1.65 linear feet (8 scrapbooks, 1 box) of clippings, photographs, reviews and telegrams re productions in which Miss Munson appeared.
- II. Contracts and Programmes, 1924 - 1935  
.10 linear feet (1 box) arranged by production.
- III. Photographs, 1906 - 1949  
1.25 linear feet (3 boxes) arranged by production and subject.

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Folder List

SERIES I: SCRAPBOOKS, 1919 - 1942

<u>SCRAPBOOK</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,721	Clippings, Reviews, Photographs	1919-1924
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,722	Clippings, Reviews	1925-1929
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,723	Clippings, Reviews	1928-1943
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,724	Clippings, Reviews	1930-1933
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,725	Clippings, Reviews	1934-1936
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,726	Clippings, Reviews, Telegrams	1935-1937
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,727	Clippings, Reviews, Photographs	1938-1942
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,728	Clippings, Reviews	1939-1941
8-MWEZ + n.c. 28,729	Clippings, Reviews	1939-1942

SERIES II: CONTRACTS and PROGRAMMES, 1924 - 1935

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	1	GHOSTS - Contract	10/19/35
+			
n.c. 28,730	2	GOING WILD - Contract	5/26/30
	3	THE HOT HEIRESS - Contract	6/14/30
	4	NO, NO, NANETTE - Contract	12/17/24
	5	RAH RAH ROSLYN - Contract	3/20/30
	6	ACCENT ON YOUTH - Programme	8/8-10/35
	7	PETTICOAT FEVER - Programme	8/15-17/35

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SERIES III: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1906 - 1949

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	1	BIG TOWN	1939
+			
n.c. 28,731	2	EDWARD, MY SON	1949
	3	GHOSTS	1936
	4	GOING WILD	1931
	5	GONE WITH THE WIND	1939
	6	HOLD EVERYTHING	1928-1929
	7	THE HOT HEIRESS	1931
	8	IDAHO	1943
	9	LADY FROM LOUISIANA	1941
	10	MANHATTAN MARY	1928
	11	A MANLY REVUE	1920-1923
	12	THE MASTER'S CHAIR	1947
	13	ONA MUNSON (personal)	n.d.

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SERIES III: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1906 - 1949

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	1	ONA MUNSON (professional)	n.d.
+			
n.c.	2	ONA MUNSON (professional)	n.d.
28,732	3	NO, NO, NANETTE	1925-1926
	4	PETTICOAT FEVER	1935
	5	SCANDALS OF 1919	1919
	6	THE SHANGHAI GESTURE	1941
	7	TWINKLE, TWINKLE	1926-1927
	8	WAGONS WESTWARD	1940
	9	WILD GEESE CALLING	1941

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<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
8-MWEZ	1	BROADMINDED	1931
+			
n.c.	2	GHOSTS	1936
28,733	3	GOING WILD	1931
	4	GONE WITH THE WIND	1939
	5	HOLD EVERYTHING	1928-1929
	6	HOLD YOUR HORSES	1933
	7	MANHATTAN MARY	1928
	8	A MANLY REVUE	1920-1923
	9	ONA MUNSON (personal)	n.d.
	10	ONA MUNSON (professional)	n.d.
	11	ONA MUNSON (professional)	n.d.
	12	NO, NO, NANETTE	1925-1926
	13	SCANDALS OF 1919	1919
	14	TIP-TOES	1926
	15	TWINKLE, TWINKLE	1926