American Radio Archives

Tom Koch Collection

Introduction

The Tom Koch Collection of the American Radio Archives consists of approximately 1.5 cubic feet of scripts written by radio and television writer Koch. The bulk of the collection consists of skits written for use on the *Bob and Ray Show*, starring Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding, ca. 1974-1976. The remainder of the collection includes scripts for television programs, including *The Jonathan Winters Show* (1968-69), the *Dinah Shore Chevrolet Show* (1960), the *11th Annual Emmy Awards* (1959), and pilots written for the *Phil Silvers Show* and *All in the Family*.

Biography

Tom Koch (1925-2015), began his radio career with CBS in 1947, shortly after completing a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in political science at Northwestern University. His assignment at CBS was to work as a staff writer handling news and sports assignments. In 1955, after being hired at NBC, he began writing comedy sketches to be used on the *Bob and Ray Show*, which at that time aired on the *Weekend Monitor* program. When Bob and Ray moved to the Mutual Network in 1956, Koch continued to work for them, and he also wrote most of the *Fibber McGee and Molly* spots that aired on *Weekend Monitor* from 1957-1959. In 1957, Koch also began contributing occasional articles for *Mad* magazine, and in the following years started writing for television as well (*The Lucy Show* (1962) and *The Jonathan Winters Show* (1967-69)). During this time, Koch continued to occasionally write for the *Bob and Ray Show*, including their stint on New York radio station WHN in 1963, and their final program on Mutual flagship station WOR in the mid-1970s.

Scope and Content

The bulk of this collection consists of over 1,060 skits for the *Bob and Ray Show*. The scripts are titled but contain no dates, and many of the sketches are spoofs of television programs that were popular in the

early 1970's (e.g., "The Pittmans"=*The Waltons*, "Wing Po"= *Kung Fu*, etc.), as well as sketches about the upcoming bicentennial of the America Revolution. Koch numbered each script, and included his own finding aid with the collection, which lists each program by number, title, and subject matter. The remainder of the collection consists of television scripts, including 13 scripts for the *Jonathan Winters Show* from the 1968-69 season, on which Koch worked as part of a team of eight writers, one script for the *Dinah Shore Chevrolet Show* (1960), and a script for the *11th Annual Emmy Awards* (1959). Two copies of a pilot script titled *Rome, Sweet Rome*, are included. This script was apparently written as a pilot for the *Phil Silvers Show*. Also included is another pilot titled *Wally's Castle* (1970), which uses a situation and characters that later evolved into Norman Lear's *All in the Family*.

Scripts - Radio

Bob and Ray Show (ca. 1974-1976)

Box	Folder	Script Numbers
1	1	Descriptive listing
1	2	1805-1820
1	3	1821-1832
1	4	1833-1845
1	5	1846-1859
1	6	1860-1869
1	7	1870-1882
1	8	1883-1895
1	9	1896-1905
1	10	1906-1915
1	11	1916-1926
1	12	1927-1937
1	13	1938-1947
1	14	1948-1956
1	15	1958-1967
1	16	1968-1977
1	17	1978-1987
1	18	1988-1998
1	19	2000-2009
1	20	2010-2019
1	21	2020-2029
1	22	2030-2039
1	23	2040-2049

Box	Folder	Script Numbers
1	24	2050-2059

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1	25	2060-2069
1	26	2070-2079
1	27	2080-2089
1	28	2090-2099
1	29	2100-2109
1	30	2110-2119
1	31	2120-2129
1	32	2130-2139
1	33	2140-2149
1	34	2150-2159
1	35	2160-2169
1	36	2170-2179
1	37	2180-2189
1	38	2190-2199
1	39	2200-2209
1	40	2210-2219
1	41	2220-2229
1	42	2230-2239
1	43	2240-2249
1	44	2250-2259
1	45	2260-2270
1	46	2271-2281
1	47	2282-2292
1	48	2293-2303
1	49	2304-2314
1	50	2315-2326
1	51	2327-2336
1	52	2337-2346
1	53	2347-2356
1	54	2357-2366
1	55	2367-2375
1	56	2377-2386
1	57	2387-2396
1	58	2397-2406
1	59	2407-2416
1	60	2417-2426
1	61	2427-2436

1	62	2437-2445
1	63	2446-2455

Box	Folder	Script Numbers
1	64	2456-2465
1	65	2466-2475
1	66	2476-2485
1	67	2486-2495
1	68	2496-2505
1	69	2506-2515
1	70	2516-2525
1	71	2526-2535
1	72	2536-2545
1	73	2546-2555
1	74	2556-2565
1	75	2566-2575
1	76	2576-2585
1	77	2586-2595
1	78	2596-2605
1	79	2606-2615
1	80	2616-2625
1	81	2626-2635
1	82	2636-2646
1	83	2647-2656
1	84	2657-2666
1	85	2667-2676
1	86	2677-2686
1	87	2687-2696
1	88	2697-2706
1	89	2707-2716
1	90	2717-2726
1	91	2727-2736
1	92	2737-2746
1	93	2747-2756
1	94	2757-2766
1	95	2767-2776
1	96	2777-2786
1	97	2787-2796
1	98	2797-2806
1	99	2807-2815

1	100	2817-2826
1	101	2827-2836
1	102	2837-2846
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1	103	2847-2856
1	104	2857-2866
1	105	2867-2876
1	106	2877-2886
1	107	2887-2896
1	108	2897-2900

Scripts - Television

Jonathan Winters Show

Box	Folder	Show #	Tape Date	Air Date
2	01	0101	08-12-1968	11-13-1968
2	02	0102	08-19-1968	01-01-1969
2	03	0107	09-30-1968	10-09-1968
2	04	0108	10-07-1968	10-16-1968
2	05	0109	10-14-1968	10-30-1968
2	06	0110	10-21-1968	---
2	07	0111	10-28-1969	04-02-1969
2	08	0112	11-11-1968	11-20-1968
2	09	0113	11-18-1968	11-27-1968
2	10	0114	11-25-1968	12-11-1968
3	1	0116	12-09-1968	12-18-1968
3	2	0117	12-16-1968	12-26-1968
3	3	0118	01-07-1969	01-16-1969

Miscellaneous Shows

Box	Folder	Title	Date
3	4	11th Annual Emmy Awards	05-06-1959

3	5	Dinah Shore Chevy Show	11-20-1960
3	6	Rome, Sweet Rome (pilot)	06-13-1964
3	7	Phil Silvers Show (pilot)	---
3	8	Wally's Castle (pilot--All in the Family)	08-21-1970