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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 23: Universe
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0300.S23
Date:	1842 - 1970
Extent:	7 Boxes
Creator:	DeVincent, Sam, 1918-1997
Language:	English
Summary:	Sam DeVincent loved music and art and began collecting sheet music with lithographs at an early age. This series covers the moon, stars, comets, and meteors. For music relating to the sun, see Series 14: Calendar, Time, and Weather. An overview to the entire DeVincent collection is available here: Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was purchased by the Smithsonian Institution in 1988 from Sam and Nancy Lee DeVincent.

Related Materials

[Sam DeVincent Collection of American Sheet Music](#), Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

This collection contains duplicates of materials in the Smithsonian collection, as well as materials acquired by Mr. DeVincent after the donation to the Smithsonian. The phonograph records described above were transferred to the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Materials in the Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Donald J. Stubblebine Collection of Musical Theater and Motion Picture Sheet Music and Reference Material, 1843-2010 (AC1211)

Forms Part Of

Series 23: Universe forms part of the [Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music](#).

An ongoing, updated list of DeVincent topical series is available [via the Smithsonian finding aid portal](#).

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Container Listing

Subseries 23.1: Moon, 1842 - 1970

- Box 1, Folder 2 Instrumental, Moon, includes "Harvest Moon" and "Moonlight on the Hudson." ,
1899 - 1919
- B-Moon titles; includes: two "By Moonlight" compositions and "Moon Moths."
- Box 1, Folder 3 Multiple Editions, Claire De Lune and Moon Winks
- Box 1, Folder 4 "Moonbeam..." – "Moonlight Ripples" titles , 1893 - 1937
- Box 2, Folder 1 "Moonlight Serenade" – T titles; includes "On the Moonlit Sea" and Tropical
Moonlight." , 1899 - 1940
- Box 2, Folder 2 Songs, B-O titles, ; includes "The Girl in the Moon" and "The Man in the Moon Is
Looking for Love." , 1842 - 1898
- Box 2, Folder 3 Early Songs, S-Y titles, includes "The Woman That Lives in the Moon." , 1842 -
1897
- Box 2, Folder 4 Songs, A-H titles, includes "Foxy Moon," "Dixie Moon," and "How High the
Moon." , 1903 - 1970
- Box 3, Folder 1 Songs, I-K titles, I – K titles; includes two "In the Valley of the Moon" songs. ,
1903 - 1933
- Box 3, Folder 2 Songs, L – "Moon Love" titles; includes "Me and the Man in the Moon." , 1905 -
1950
- Box 3, Folder 3 "Moon-Moon-Moon" – "Moontime" titles , 1906 - 1947
- Box 3, Folder 4 "My..." – "Southern Moon" titles; includes "My Sweetheart's the Man in the
Moon." , 1890 - 1942
- Box 4, Folder 1 "Spooning..." – U titles; includes "Talking to the Moon" and "Underneath the
Russian Moon." , 1905 - 1944
- Box 4, Folder 2 W-Y titles, includes "What's the Good of Moonlight" and When the Moon Plays
Peek-a-boo." , 1902 - 1931
- Box 4, Folder 3 Professional/Artist copies; includes: "How High the Moon," Mister Moon-Man
Turn Off the Light," and "Moonglow." , 1910 - 1957

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Subseries 23.2: Stars, 1842 - 1953

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| Box 4, Folder 4 | Lithograph; includes "Morning Star Waltz" and "The Starlight Waltz.", 1842 - 1882 |
| Box 5, Folder 1 | Multiple editions of "Evening Star Waltz" , 1851 |
| Box 5, Folder 2 | A – L titles; "Beautiful Evening Star" and "Love's Golden Star" , 1898 - 1922 |
| Box 5, Folder 3 | M – "Star..." titles; includes "Star of Hope" and "Star of the Sea.", 1869 - 1933 |
| Box 5, Folder 4 | Multiple editions of "Silver Stars" , 1897 - 1917 |
| Box 6, Folder 1 | "Starland – U titles; includes "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.", 1894 - 1933 |
| Box 6, Folder 2 | A – I titles; "Ask the Stars" and "By the light of the Stars." , 1870 - 1950 |
| Box 6, Folder 3 | L – "Stairway..." titles; includes "Lost in the Stars" and "Stairway to the Stars." , 1882 - 1946 |
| Box 6, Folder 4 | "Star" – "Starlight" titles; includes "Starlight, Starbright." , 1856 - 1941 |
| Box 7, Folder 1 | "Stars" – Y titles; includes "The Stars Will Remember" and "You Are My Lucky Star." |
| Box 7, Folder 2 | Professional/Artist copies; includes "Stars Are the Windows of Heaven" and "When You Wish Upon a Star." |

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Subseries 23.3: Outer Space, 1847 - 1960

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| Box 7, Folder 3 | A – H titles; includes "Aurora Borealis" and "The Eclipse Polka." |
| Box 7, Folder 4 | M-Z titles; includes "Northern Lights" and "A Signal from Mars.", 1883 - 1955 |
| Box 7, Folder 5 | "World" in the title; includes: "Small World" and "Topsy Turvy World.", 1910 - 1960 |
| Box 7, Folder 6 | General songs; includes "The March of the Martians" and "The Tail of the Comet Kohoutek." , 1882 - 1914 |

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