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**The Richard Kamrar Sheet Music Collection**

**12-012**

**Creator:** Kamrar, Richard

**Type of Material:**

Sheet music

Books

**Physical Description:**

31,053 pieces of sheet music

56 books

**Dates:**

1823-2000

**Abstract (Descriptive Summary):**

The Richard Kamrar Sheet Music Collection consists of 31,053 pieces of sheet music and 56 music books collected by Mr. Kamrar over the course of 60 years. The Kamrar collection was widely known and functioned as a sheet music library representing American popular music from 1900 through 2000.

**Access:**

The collection is open for research.

**Restrictions:**

Property rights reside with Middle Tennessee State University. All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. For permissions to reproduce or to publish, please contact the Center for Popular Music.

**Provenance and Acquisition Information:**

Richard Kamrar donated this collection to the Center for Popular Music in August 2012. Mr. Kamrar collected the sheet music and books from 1936 through 2000. He acquired the sheet music through gifts and purchases made from collectors, antique shops and shows, music stores, mail order catalogs, and other sources.

**Arrangement:**

Original order of the materials has been maintained in so far as possible.

**Subjects/Index Terms:**

Kamrar, Richard

**Agency History/biographical sketch:**

Richard Kamrar was born on October 8, 1922 in Los Angeles, California. His family had a business in Blythe, Iowa and he spent his early years and schooling in that city. He attended college at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles and earned a degree in Music in 1946. He taught school for seven years and was Supervisor for five schools in Los Angeles.

**Scope and content:**

**Location:**

The sheet music collection is located in the original metal filing cabinets in the Center's collection storage area.

**Related Materials:**

The Center for Popular Music holds thousands of original sheet music titles searchable in the Center's database on the CPM website. Secondary sources relating to sheet music are located in the Center's Reading Room and searchable through the Walker Library catalog.

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