



## Guide to the Tony Costa Sheet Music and Music Scores

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Costa, Tony
<b>Collector:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center
<b>Title:</b>	Tony Costa Sheet Music and Music Scores
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00545
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1936-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.63 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Tony Costa Sheet Music and Music Scores (1936-1995) consists of printed sheet music and hand-written scores composed by entertainer, songwriter, and Las Vegas, Nevada orchestra conductor Tony Costa.

### Preferred Citation

Tony Costa Sheet Music and Music Scores, 1936-1995. MS-00545. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Entertainer and song writer Anthony (Tony) Costa was born March 25, 1920 in Manhattan, New York. He started taking piano lessons at age eight and attended the famed Julliard School of Music. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music at the Manhattan School of Music. By the time World War II began, Costa was a concert pianist. He joined the Air Force and served in the medical corps in Africa.

Costa first came to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1955 to perform with a trio at the Dunes Hotel. He returned to California in 1956 and in 1963, while playing piano in a Covina restaurant, he teamed up with singer Jeanne Shelden. They toured together as Costa and Shelden, eventually playing the Skyroom at the Desert Inn Hotel. They were married in 1965 and moved to Las Vegas that year. He later led the orchestra at the original MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, which became Bally's Hotel and Casino. There he was conductor for *Hallelujah Hollywood* and *Jubilee* before recorded music

replaced the orchestra in the early 1980s. In addition to the 17 years at MGM and Bally's, Costa was also vocalist director for *A Chorus Line* at the Sahara Hotel and conductor for the Las Vegas productions of *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, *Funny Girl*, *Sound of Music*, and other shows.

Costa founded the Symphonic Association of Las Vegas and became the first conductor of the Las Vegas Philharmonic Orchestra. The 72-piece symphony performed several concerts at University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Artemus Ham Hall from 1977 to 1979. Costa was involved with other projects at UNLV, conducting for such shows as *Under the Gaslight* and *Nine*. Costa was a member of the Las Vegas Musicians Union Local 369 and the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He also served on the advisory board of the Spring Mountain Summer Theatre. Costa retired in 1989.

Anthony "Tony" Costa passed away in April, 1998.

Source: Las Vegas Sun, April 7, 1998 <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/1998/apr/07/tony-costa-las-vegas-music-conductor-dies/>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Music manuscripts are arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access

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## Acquisition Note

Gift of Jeanne Costa in 2008; accession number 2008-022. Materials were collected by the director of the Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center and transferred to Special Collections.

## Processing Note

Material was processed by Joyce Moore in 2010. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Dallas Reiber and Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards and Dallas Reiber entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

## Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Dallas Reiber and Joyce Moore to bring it into compliance with DACS. July 2014

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## Names and Subjects

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- sheet music
- Entertainers
- scores

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers	
Allerseelen, undated	box 01	folder 01
And This My Beloved, undated	box 01	folder 02
Ave Verum, undated	box 01	folder 03
Baubles, undated		

	box 01	folder 04
Bean Coir, undated	box 01	folder 05
Birth of the Blues, 1988	box 01	folder 06
Bluesette, undated	box 01	folder 07
Boy Next Door, undated	box 01	folder 08
Breath of Heaven, undated	box 01	folder 09
By By Blues, undated	box 01	folder 10
Campesina, undated	box 01	folder 11
Change Partners Medley, 1985	box 01	folder 12
Cole Porter's Medley, 1983	box 01	folder 13
Come in from the Rain, undated	box 01	folder 14
Come in from the Rain or Shine, undated	box 01	folder 15
Come Share the Lord, undated	box 01	folder 16
Corcovado, undated	box 01	folder 17
Cotton Fields, undated	box 01	folder 18
Cuando Caliente El Sol, undated	box 01	folder 19
Close to You, undated	box 01	folder 20
Devil Moon, undated	box 01	folder 21
Don't Worry 'Bout Me, undated	box 01	folder 22
Gershwin Medley, undated	box 01	folder 23
Go Go Girl, undated		

	box 01	folder 24
Granada, undated	box 01	folder 25
Great Day Medley, undated	box 01	folder 26
Guess I'll Move On, undated	box 01	folder 27
Hey, Look Me Over, undated	box 01	folder 28
I Can't Understand, undated	box 01	folder 29
I Don't Know How to Love Him, undated	box 01	folder 30
Imagine, undated	box 01	folder 31
I'm In Love, 1959	box 01	folder 32
Irresponsible, undated	box 01	folder 33
I Should Care, undated	box 01	folder 34
It's Impossible, undated	box 01	folder 35
I've Just Seen Jesus, undated	box 01	folder 36
Love is Here to Stay, undated	box 01	folder 37
Love Medley, undated	box 01	folder 38
Lover Man, undated	box 01	folder 39
Mariquilla, 1957	box 01	folder 40
Matsu-No-Ki-Kouta, undated	box 01	folder 41
Old Man River, undated	box 01	folder 42
Pretty Eyed Baby, undated	box 01	folder 43
Rhythm is Going to Get You Medley, undated		

	box 01	folder 44
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, undated	box 01	folder 45
She Loves Me, undated	box 01	folder 46
Sometimes I'm Happy, undated	box 01	folder 47
Some of These Days, 1983	box 01	folder 48
Sonny Gets Blue, undated	box 01	folder 49
Speak Low, undated	box 01	folder 50
Strangers in the Night, undated	box 01	folder 51
Stay with Me, 1976	box 01	folder 52
Strollin', undated	box 01	folder 53
Stuck to My Heart, undated	box 01	folder 54
Sunny, undated	box 01	folder 55
There Will Never Be Another You, undated	box 01	folder 56
To Life, undated	box 01	folder 57
We Are the World, undated	box 02	folder 01
We're a Couple of Swells, undated	box 02	folder 02
What Kind of Fool Am I?, undated	box 02	folder 03
When I Fall in Love, undated	box 02	folder 04
Where 'er You Walk, undated	box 02	folder 05
White Christmas, undated	box 02	folder 06
Yellow Bird, undated		



box 02 folder  
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Yesterday, undated

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You Gave a Helping Hand, undated

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You'll Never Walk Alone, undated

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Zing, undated

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Various parts, undated

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Conducting Workshop Manual, undated

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