



## Guide to the Russ Freeman Television Music Manuscripts

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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>	Freeman, Russ
<b>Collector:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center
<b>Title:</b>	Russ Freeman Television Music Manuscripts
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00976
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1969 to 1977
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.88 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.75 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Russ Freeman Television Music Manuscripts contains music manuscripts and production materials from Russ Freeman's work on various television specials, dating from 1969 to 1977. The collection includes music scores for television soundtracks including <i>Feliciano! Very Special</i> which aired on the television network NBC and <i>Shirley MacLaine Show</i> which aired on CBS. Russ Freeman is featured in this collection as composer and arranger for many of the soundtracks and was featured as a pianist on soundtracks for <i>The Clifton Davis Special</i> , <i>Flip Wilson Specials</i> , and <i>The Don Rickles Show</i> . Freeman's compositions and arrangements for the television shows were recorded in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### Preferred Citation

Russ Freeman Television Music Manuscripts, 1969-1977. MS-00976. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Russ (Russell Donald) Freeman was a bebop and cool jazz pianist and composer, well-known among jazz musicians, and a frequent collaborator with some of the most famous musicians in

the genre like Chet Baker, Andre Previn, and Shelly Manne. Freeman worked as a music director, arranger, and composer for television shows in the latter part of his career. His compositions and arrangements for television shows were recorded in Las Vegas, Nevada and Freeman was often the pianist for some of the shows. Freeman retired from playing piano in 1982 and in 1987 retired from the music scene all together. Freeman died in Las Vegas on July 27, 2002.

Source:

Cerra, Steven. "Russ Freeman - Part 1." Accessed November 01, 2019. <http://jazzprofiles.blogspot.com/2016/11/russ-freeman-part-1.html>.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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## Acquisition Note

Materials were collected by the director of the Arnold Shaw Popular Music Research Center; subsequently the materials were transferred to the University Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2019; accession number 2019-106.

## Processing Note

In 2019, Miguel Dominguez rehoused the materials and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Music (Arrangement)
- Jazz musicians
- Television specials
- Television music
- Musicians

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
<i>The People Next Door</i> , 1968 August 18 to 1968 August 23 Television Network: CBS	box 01
<i>Arnold's Closet Rescue</i> , 1969 April 21 to 1969 April 27 Television Network: NBC	box 01
<i>The Cotton Club</i> , 1974 July 15 to 1974 July 25 Television Network: NBC	box 01
<i>Dinah Shore's Like Hep!</i> , 1969 March 21 to 1969 March 30 Television Network: NBC	box 01
<i>The Captain and Tennille</i> , 1976 March 08 to 1976 March 14 Television Network: ABC	box 01

<i>Feliciano! Very Special</i> , 1969 April 14 to 1969 April 17	box 01
Television Network: NBC	
<i>The Clifton Davis Show</i> , 1976 February 18 to 1976 February 29	box 01
Television Network: ABC	
<i>Miss Black America</i> , 1977 August 24 to 1977 September 09	box 01
Television Network: NBC	
<i>Flip Wilson Special</i> , 1974 September 18 to 1974 September 19, 1974 November 20 to 1974 November 23, 1975 February 13 to 1975 February 15	box 01
Television Network: NBC	
<i>The Don Rickles Show</i> , 1974 December 04 to 1974 December 09, 1975 October 22 to 1975 November 01	box 01
Television Network: CBS	
<i>Gladys Knight and the Pips</i> , 1975 June 10 to 1975 July 04	box 01
Television Network: NBC	
<i>Shirley MacLaine Show</i> , 1974 May 20 to 1974 June 24	box 01
Physical Description: 2 Files (folders)	box 02
Television Network: CBS	