



## Guide to the Frank Gagliardi Music Manuscript Collection

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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>	Gagliardi, Frank
<b>Title:</b>	Frank Gagliardi Music Manuscript Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-01095
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1964 to 1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.86 Cubic Feet (4 boxes, 1 oversized box)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.09 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Frank Gagliardi Music Manuscript Collection (approximately 1964-1974) contains musical arrangements of standard Frank Sinatra songs, printed or photocopied with annotations. Each part is in its own folder, and each song is numbered. Frank Gagliardi performed as percussionist in Antonio Morelli's orchestra for the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he played for Frank Sinatra and other notable entertainers during the 1960s and 1970s.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Frank Gagliardi was a musician, big band composer, arranger, director, and professor. He was the creator and director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Jazz Ensemble from 1974 to 1996. Born November 16, 1931 in Denver, Colorado, Frank Gagliardi was interested in music at a young age. He began drum lessons at age eight, and joined the Denver Symphony Orchestra for fifteen years. He earned his master's degree in music education from the University of Denver. In 1964, Gagliardi was hired to work at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he performed

until 1988. He was a drummer and percussionist at the Sands and performed with many notable entertainers including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Lena Horne, and many others. He joined the UNLV faculty in 1974, where he created and led the UNLV Jazz Ensemble to international recognition, earned numerous awards, and released a number of albums. While his work at UNLV is his greatest legacy, Gagliardi's most popular work was as percussionist on Louis Armstrong's single "What a Wonderful World." Gagliardi passed away February 6, 2011 in Plano, Texas.

Source:

"Frank Louis Gagliardi." February 11, 2011. *The Dallas Morning News*. Accessed March 15, 2022. <https://obits.dallasnews.com/us/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/name/frank-gagliardi-obituary?pid=148514112>

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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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Materials were donated in 2022 by Ric Gagliardi; accession number 2022-016.

## Processing Note

In 2022, Sarah Jones reboxed the material and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Music (Arrangement)
- Big band music
- Jazz
- Sinatra, Frank, 1915-1998
- Sands Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nev)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
1st Trumpet: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 01
2nd Trumpet: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 01
3rd Trumpet: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 01
4th Trumpet: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 01
Drums: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 01
1st Trombone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 02
2nd Trombone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 02
3rd Trombone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 02
4th Trombone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 02
Baritone Saxophone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 02
1st Saxophone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 03

2nd Saxophone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 03
3rd Saxophone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 03
4th Saxophone: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 03
Guitar: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 03
Bass Guitar: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 04
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Piano/Conductor: musical arrangements, 1964 to 1974	box 04
Physical Description: 2 Files	
Original binders with "Frank Sinatra" in gold lettering, 1964 to 1974	oversized
Physical Description: 4 Items	box 05