



Guide to the Frederic Apcar oral history interview

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Oral history interview with Frederic Apcar conducted by Nancy Hardy on July 19, 2003 for the Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Apcar describes his birth and early life in Paris, France, his parents' divorce, working from a young age, and, at the age of sixteen learning to dance ballet and tap. He talks about his first dancing job at the Folies Bergere in Paris, going on tour for several years with Josephine Baker, and on his return to Paris, dancing with the Lido before signing a contract for a three-month job at the Copacabana in New York City, New York. He then discusses his move to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1959, where he produced the Las Vegas <i>Les Folies Bergere, Vive les Girls</i> with Ron Lewis, and <i>Casino de Paris</i> . He also talks about Donn Arden as the other major show producer on the Strip during this period.

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Scope and Contents Note

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