

# Silent Film Music

Misc. Ms. 176



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Gilmore Music Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** Misc. Ms. 176

**TITLE:** Silent Film Music

**DATES:** 1910-1928

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (21 boxes)

**SUMMARY:** Arrangements for theater orchestra of music suitable for silent films

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.misc.0176>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.misc.0176>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Previous owners include P. Heyer, J.B. Moore, Thomas Belviso, and The Arthur Troostwyk Musical Organization of New Haven, Connecticut.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to researchers by appointment. There are no restricted materials in the collection. Please contact the [Special Collections staff](#) to schedule an appointment.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Misc. Ms. 176, Silent Film Music in the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library of Yale University.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains arrangements for theater orchestra of music suitable for silent films. In addition to single pieces, the collection holds many of the standard series of published silent film music, including the Preis-Kino-Bibliothek, the Robbins Photoplay series, and series published by G. Schirmer and Witmark.

The dance music with orchestral accompaniments that was formerly found in Boxes 14-18 has been reclassified into Misc. Ms. 262, American Dance Band Arrangements.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by publisher's numerical series, by subject, or alphabetically by title, as noted.

## Collection Contents

b. 1-5	Collection of mood pieces for silent-film situations. Primarily Belwin. Indexed according to an annotated copy of Erno Rapée's <i>Encyclopedia of Music for Pictures</i> , kept in Box 1. This arrangement is according to subject or situation.	
German Editions of Film Music		
b. 6, f. 1	<i>Kinothek</i> Schlesinger, Berlin Numerical order.	1925
b. 6, f. 2	<i>Filharmonie series</i> by Musikverlag Robert Rühle, Berlin Numerical order.	1927
b. 6, f. 3	"Ton and Bild" Series by T.R. Leuschner, Musikverlag Albert Schaper, Berlin	1925
b. 6, f. 4	"Preis-Kino-Bibliothek" Heinrichshofen's Verlag, Magdeburg	1925
b. 7, f. 1	<i>Famous Fotoplay Series</i> ed. Domenico Savino, Robbins Numerical order.	
b. 7, f. 2	<i>Popular Standards and One-steps</i> . Robbins	
b. 8, f. 1	<i>Descriptive and Dramatic Series</i> . Domenico Savino. Robbins.	
b. 8, f. 2	<i>Gold Seal Series</i> . Robbins.	
b. 9	<i>Red Seal Concert Series</i> . Robbins. Numerical order.	
b. 10	<i>Capitol Photoplay Series</i> . Robbins. Numerical order.	
b. 11, f. 1	Capitol Photoplay Series (cont.) Numerical order.	
b. 11, f. 2-3	<i>Orchestra Miscellany Series</i> . Schirmer.	
b. 12, f. 1-2	<i>Galaxy of Orchestra Music Series</i> . Schirmer. Numerical order.	
b. 12, f. 3	<i>Songs with Orchestra</i> . Schirmer.	
b. 12, f. 4	<i>Operatic Series</i> . Schirmer.	
b. 12, f. 5	<i>Occasional Orchestra Music</i> . Witmark.	
Scored Films		
b. 12, f. 6	"Beau Geste"	
b. 13, f. 1	"The Covered Wagon"	
b. 13, f. 2	"Don Q."	

b. 13, f. 3	"Phantom of the Opera"
b. 13, f. 4	"Scaramouche"
b. 13, f. 5	"The Ten Commandments"
b. 13, f. 6-7	Carl Fischer Theatre Orchestra Collection By composer.
	Dance Music with orchestral accompaniments Including foxtrots, one-steps, waltzes, marches, etc. Many songs with hotel orchestra arrangements. Arranged by title.  This contnet, originally boxes 14-18 in this collection, has been reclassified into Misc. Ms. 262, American Dance Band Arrangements.
	Miscellaneous Orchestral Music for occasional use Including transcriptions from orchestral repertory, opera, and ballet. Intermezzi, serenades, overtures, etc., for general theatrical use.  Arranged by title.
b. 19, f. 1	A-F
b. 19, f. 2	G-R
b. 19, f. 3	S-Z

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Motion picture music -- Scores and parts