Summary

Creator: Brooks, Tim

Title: William Robyn oral history interviews [sound recording] / by Tim Brooks

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Key Terms

Titles
Gift of Tim Brooks

Subjects
Radio programs, Musical -- United States -- History
Sound -- Recording and reproducing -- History
Sound recordings -- History
Vaudeville -- United States

Names
Brooks, Tim
Ormandy, Eugene, 1899-1985
Rice, Gladys (Soprano)
Rice, Gladys (Soprano)
Robyn, William, 1894-1996
Robyn, William, 1894-1996
Rothafel, Samuel Lionel, 1881-1936
Stanbury, Douglas
Stanbury, Douglas
Cameo Records (Firm)
Roxy Theatre (New York, N.Y.)