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LEE ZHITO COLLECTION

18-006

Creator:

Zhito, Lee (May 21, 1918- December 8, 1995)

Type of Material:

Manuscript Materials, Photographs, Serials

Physical Description:

10 linear feet of manuscript materials, including correspondence, clippings, general periodicals, 1 U-matic tape, 1 - 5 inch reel of audio tape, and 2 films

Dates:

1946-1995, bulk 1975-1995

RESTRICTIONS:

All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

This collection was donated to the Center by Lee Zhito's daughter, Lisa Zhito, in August 2018. Lisa was saddened to share that some of Mr. Zhito's collection was lost prior to its donation.

Arrangement:

The original arrangement scheme and folder names for the collection were maintained during processing. Boxes 1 – 5 of memos are arranged chronologically by date. Any brackets in the folder list was added by the processing archivist to help clarify contents.

Subject/Index Terms:

Zhito, Lee
Billboard Magazine
Billboard Publications, Inc.
BPI Communications, Inc.
Trade magazines
Music industry journalism

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Lee Zhito was a former editor in chief of Billboard magazine. Zhito was born in Keiv, Russia and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from University of Missouri at Columbia School of Journalism. Zhito began at Billboard magazine in 1945 as a reporter and was named editor in chief and publisher in 1974. In 1948, Zhito was awarded the American Business Press' Jesse H. Neal Award. Zhito died after being hit by car on December 8, 1995 near his home in Santa Monica, California.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of Zhito's papers and files regarding day-to-day operations of publishing Billboard magazine. This includes internal memos, correspondence, research materials, and drafts of articles published in Billboard magazine. The collection also contains some personal business papers, such as royalty statements for liner notes written by Zhito and other personal expenses and benefits relating to his Billboard Magazine employment.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Box 1		Manuscripts – Memos 1975-1977
	Folder 1	Zhito Reading File Feb 2, 1975
	Folder 2	Chrono File – June [1975]
	Folder 3	Chrono File – July [1975]
	Folder 4	Zhito Reading File July 28, 1975
	Folder 5	Chrono File August [1975]
	Folder 6	Chrono File September [1975]
	Folder 7	Chrono File Oct [1975]
	Folder 8	Chrono File November [1975]
	Folder 9	Zhito Reading File Nov 10-14, 1975
	Folder 10	Zhito Reading File Nov 24, 1975
	Folder 11	Chrono File December [1975]
	Folder 12	Zhito Reading File Dec 8-12, 1975
	Folder 13	Zhito Reading File Dec 22-26, 1975
	Folder 14	Zhito Reading File Dec 29, 1975
	Folder 15	Chrono File January 1976
	Folder 16	Chrono File February 1976
	Folder 17	Zhito Reading File Feb 2, 1976
	Folder 18	Zhito Reading File Feb 23, 1976
	Folder 19	Zhito Reading File Feb 23, 1976
	Folder 20	Chrono File March 1976
	Folder 21	Zhito Reading File March 1, 1976
	Folder 22	Zhito Reading File March 8-12, 1976
	Folder 23	Zhito Reading File March 15-19, 1976
	Folder 24	Pete Heine Reading File March 24, 1976
	Folder 25	Chrono File April 1976
	Folder 26	Zhito Reading File April 9, 1976

Folder 27	Zhito Reading File April 14-22, 1976
Folder 28	Zhito Reading File Apr 28 – May 28, 1976
Folder 29	Zhito Reading File May 29 – June 8, 1976
Folder 30	Zhito Reading File June 21 – July 2, 1976
Folder 31	Zhito Reading File July 9, 1976
Folder 32	Zhito Reading File w/e July 16, 1976
Folder 33	Zhito Reading File July 23-30, 1976
Folder 34	Zhito Reading File week Aug 6, 1976
Folder 35	Zhito Reading File Aug 13, 1976
Folder 36	Zhito Reading File Nov 1-11, 1976
Folder 37	Zhito Reading File Nov 1-15, 1976
Folder 38	Zhito Reading File Dec 10-14, 1976
Folder 39	Zhito Reading File Dec 15-31, 1976
Folder 40	Zhito Reading File Mar 8-17, 1977
Folder 41	Zhito Reading File March 17, 1977
Folder 42	Zhito Reading File March 24, 1977
Folder 43	Zhito Reading File Apr 20-28, 1977
Folder 44	Zhito Reading File April 29 – May 5, 1977
Folder 45	Zhito Reading File May 6 – 25, 1977
Folder 46	Zhito Reading File July 1-11, 1977
Folder 47	Zhito Reading File July 7-30, 1977
Folder 48	Zhito Reading File July 16-22, 1977

Box 2

Manuscripts—Memos 1977-1978

Folder 1	Memos Chronological July 7 – August 31, 1977
Folder 2	Zhito Reading File August 1-31, 1977
Folder 3	Chronological File – Lee Zhito – Sept 1-30, 1977
Folder 4	Zhito Reading File Sept 1-16, 1977
Folder 5	Zhito Reading List Sept 16-30, 1977
Folder 6	Zhito Reading File Sept 29-Oct 7, 1977
Folder 7	Chronological File – Lee Zhito – Oct 1-31, 1977
Folder 8	Zhito Reading File Oct 10-14, 1977
Folder 9	Zhito Reading File Oct 17-21, 1977
Folder 10	Zhito Reading File Oct 24-28, 1977
Folder 11	Zhito Reading File Oct 31-Nov 4, 1977
Folder 12	Chronological File – Lee Zhito – Nov 1-30, 1977
Folder 13	Zhito Reading File Nov 7-11, 1977
Folder 14	Zhito Reading File Nov 21-25, 1977
Folder 15	Zhito Reading File Nov 28-Dec 2, 1977
Folder 16	Chronological File – Lee Zhito – Dec 1-31, 1977
Folder 17	Zhito Reading File Dec 5-9, 1977
Folder 18	Chronological File – Lee Zhito – January 3-31, 1978
Folder 19	Zhito Reading File Feb 13-17, 1978

Box 3

Manuscripts—Memos 1978-1979

Folder 1	Zhito Reading File Feb 20-24, 1978
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Folder 2 Zhito Reading File Feb 27-Mar 3, 1978
Folder 3 Zhito Reading File March 6-10, 1978
Folder 4 Zhito Reading File March 13-17, 1978
Folder 5 Zhito Reading List March 20-24, 1978
Folder 6 Zhito Reading File Mar 27-Apr 1, 1978
Folder 7 Zhito Reading File April 3-7, 1978
Folder 8 Zhito Reading File April 10-14, 1978
Folder 9 Zhito Reading File April 16-20, 1978
Folder 10 Zhito Reading File April 17-21, 1978
Folder 11 Zhito Reading File April 23-27, 1978
Folder 12 Zhito Reading File April 24-28, 1978
Folder 13 Zhito Reading File April 30-May 4, 1978
Folder 14 Zhito Reading File May 5-9, 1978
Folder 15 Zhito Reading File May 12-16, 1978
Folder 16 Zhito Reading File May 15-19, 1978
Folder 17 Zhito Reading File May 19-23, 1978
Folder 18 Zhito Reading File May 22-26, 1978
Folder 19 Zhito Reading File May 29-June 2, 1978
Folder 20 Zhito Reading File June 26-July 7, 1978
Folder 21 Zhito Reading File July 10-14, 1978
Folder 22 Zhito Reading File July 17-21, 1978
Folder 23 Zhito Reading File July 24-28, 1978
Folder 24 Zhito Reading File July 31 – Aug 4, 1978
Folder 25 Zhito Reading File Aug 7-11, 1978
Folder 26 Zhito Reading File Aug 14-18 1978
Folder 27 Zhito Reading File Aug 21 – Sept 1, 1978
Folder 28 Zhito Reading File Sept 11-15, 1978
Folder 29 Zhito Reading File Sept 18-22, 1978
Folder 30 Zhito Reading File Sept 25-29, 1978
Folder 31 Zhito Reading File Oct 2-6, 1978
Folder 32 Zhito Reading File Oct 9-13, 1978
Folder 33 Zhito Reading File Oct 16-20, 1978
Folder 34 Zhito Reading File Oct 23-27, 1978
Folder 35 Zhito Reading File Oct 30-Nov 3, 1978
Folder 36 Zhito Reading File Nov 6-10, 1978
Folder 37 Zhito Reading File Nov 13-17, 1978
Folder 38 Zhito Reading File Nov 20-24, 1978
Folder 39 Zhito Reading File Nov 27-28, 1978
Folder 40 Zhito Reading File Dec 4-8, 1978
Folder 41 Zhito Reading File Dec 11-15, 1978
Folder 42 Zhito Reading File Dec 18-22, 1978
Folder 43 January 1979 Memos
Folder 44 Zhito Reading File Jan 1-5, 1979
Folder 45 Zhito Reading File Jan 8-12, 1979
Folder 46 Zhito Reading File Jan 15-19, 1979
Folder 47 Zhito Reading File Jan 22-26, 1979

Folder 48 Zhito Reading File Jan 29-Feb2, 1979
Folder 49 Zhito Reading File Jan 29-Feb 2, 1979
Folder 50 Zhito Reading File Feb 1979
Folder 51 Zhito Reading File Feb 5-9, 1979
Folder 52 Zhito Reading File Feb 12-16, 1979
Folder 53 Zhito Reading File Feb 19-23, 1979
Folder 54 Zhito Reading File Feb 26 – Mar 2, 1979
Folder 55 Zhito Reading File March 19-23, 1979
Folder 56 Zhito Reading File March 26-30, 1979
Folder 57 Zhito Reading File April 5-16, 1979
Folder 58 Zhito Reading File April 9-13, 1979 + Misc. April

Box 4

Manuscripts—Memos 1979-1981

Folder 1 Zhito Reading File July 2-13, 1979
Folder 2 Zhito Reading File July 16-27, 1979
Folder 3 Zhito Reading File July 30-Aug 3, 1979
Folder 4 Zhito Reading File Aug 6-10, 1979
Folder 5 Zhito Reading File Aug 13-17, 1979
Folder 6 Zhito Reading File Aug 20-24, 1979
Folder 7 Zhito Reading File Aug 27-31, 1979
Folder 8 Zhito Reading File Sept 3-7, 1979
Folder 9 Zhito Reading File Sept 10-14, 1979
Folder 10 Zhito Reading File Sept 17-21, 1979
Folder 11 Zhito Reading File Oct 1-12, 1979
Folder 12 Zhito Reading File Oct 15-31, 1979
Folder 13 Zhito Reading File Nov 1-16, 1979
Folder 14 Zhito Reading File Nov 19-30, 1979
Folder 15 Zhito Reading File Dec 3-7, 1979
Folder 16 Zhito Reading File Dec 10-14, 1979
Folder 17 Zhito Reading File Dec 17-31, 1979
Folder 18 Zhito Reading File Oct 9-17, 1980
Folder 19 Zhito Reading File Oct 17-23, 1980
Folder 20 Zhito Reading File Oct 24-Nov 5, 1980
Folder 21 Zhito Reading File Nov 13-20, 1980
Folder 22 Zhito Reading File Nov 24-Dec 4, 1980
Folder 23 Zhito Reading File Dec 5-18, 1980
Folder 24 Zhito Reading File Dec 22, 1980 – Jan 6, 1981
Folder 25 Zhito Reading File Jan 8-15, 1981
Folder 26 Zhito Reading File Jan 16-23, 1981
Folder 27 Zhito Reading File Jan 26-29, 1981
Folder 28 Zhito Reading File Jan 30-Feb 13, 1981
Folder 29 Zhito Reading File Feb 16-20, 1981
Folder 30 Zhito Reading File Feb 23-Mar 5, 1981
Folder 31 Zhito Reading File March 6-18, 1981
Folder 32 Zhito Reading File Mar 30-Apr 3, 1981
Folder 33 Zhito Reading File Apr 6-10, 1981

Folder 34	Zhito Reading File Apr 14-May 7, 1981
Folder 35	Zhito Reading File May 4-16, 1981
Folder 36	Zhito Reading File May 8-15, 1981
Folder 37	Zhito Reading File May 18-22, 1981
Folder 38	Zhito Reading File May 26-29, 1981
Folder 39	Zhito Reading File June 15-19, 1981
Folder 40	Zhito Reading File June 22-26, 1981
Folder 41	Zhito Reading File June 29-July 2, 1981
Folder 42	Zhito Reading File July 6-10, 1981
Folder 43	Zhito Reading File July 13-20, 1981
Folder 44	Zhito Reading File July 20-24, 1981
Folder 45	Zhito Reading File July 27-31, 1981
Folder 46	Zhito Reading File Aug 3-7, 1981
Folder 47	Zhito Reading File Aug 10-14, 1981
Folder 48	Zhito Reading File Aug 17-21, 1981

Box 5

Manuscripts – Memos 1981 – Misc.

Folder 1	Zhito Reading File Aug 24-28, 1981
Folder 2	Zhito Reading File Aug 31-Sept 4, 1981
Folder 3	Zhito Reading File Sept 14-18, 1981
Folder 4	Zhito Reading File Sept 28 – Oct 2, 1981
Folder 5	Zhito Reading File Oct 12-16, 1981
Folder 6	Zhito Reading File Oct 26-30, 1981
Folder 7	Zhito Reading File Nov 9-13, 1981
Folder 8	Zhito Reading File Nov 16-20, 1981
Folder 9	Zhito Reading File Nov 23-27, 1981
Folder 10	Zhito Reading File Nov 30 – Dec 4, 1981
Folder 11	Zhito Reading File Dec 7-18, 1981
Folder 12	Zhito Reading File Dec 12-24, 1981
Folder 13	Zhito Reading File June 3 – July 8, 1983
Folder 14	Zhito Reading File Jan 13 – Feb 3, 1984
Folder 15	Zhito Reading File Feb 6-15, 1984
Folder 16	Zhito Reading File Feb 17 – March 2, 1984
Folder 17	Zhito Reading File March 2-16, 1984
Folder 18	Zhito Reading File March 23 – April 12, 1984
Folder 19	Zhito Reading File Apr 12-27, 1984
Folder 20	Zhito Reading File April 30 – May 18, 1984
Folder 21	Zhito Reading File May 17-22, 1984
Folder 22	Zhito Reading File July 9-27, 1984
Folder 23	Zhito Reading File Sept 10 – Oct 9, 1984
Folder 24	Zhito Reading File Oct 17 – Nov 17, 1984
Folder 25	Zhito Reading File Nov 19 – Dec 12, 1984
Folder 26	Zhito Reading File Jan – Mar 1985
Folder 27	Zhito Reading File March 20 – April 12, 1985
Folder 28	Zhito Reading File May 14 – July 2, 1985
Folder 29	Zhito Reading File July 11 – Sept 12, 1985

Folder 30 Zhito Reading File Sept 1987
Folder 31 Misc. Memos [Found in black binder]
Folder 32 Misc. Memos [Found in black binder]
Folder 33 Misc. Memos [Found in black binder]
Folder 34 Misc. BB memos
Folder 35 Misc. Memos
Folder 36 [Misc. memos / correspondence] [mostly 1950s-early 60s]
Folder 37 Tom Noonan Correspondence
Folder 38 W. D. Littleford
Folder 39 Al Hertman Letters 1924
Folder 40 Jerry Hobbs
Folder 41 Photographs
Folder 42 1983 Datebooks

Box 6 Manuscripts – International Music Industry Conference

Folder 1 Dot Anniversary Oct 9, 154
Folder 2 Disco Forum [folder 1 of 2]
Folder 3 Disco Forum [folder 2 of 2]
Folder 4 Mike Hennessey London
Folder 5 IMIC Keynotes [International Music Industry Conference]
Folder 6 IMIC - 6
Folder 7 IMIC – 7
Folder 8 IMIC '85
Folder 9 IMIC '84
Folder 10 IMIC '83
Folder 11 IMIC '82
Folder 12 IMIC 1981
Folder 13 IMIC '80
Folder 14 IMIC '79
Folder 15 IMIC '78
Folder 16 IMIC '78 – Photographs
Folder 17 Zhito Named as Editor – photos
Folder 18 David Hiller Photography 1974 – photos

Box 7 Manuscripts

Folder 1 World Pacific
Folder 2 Everst Records
Folder 3 NARM
Folder 4 Music Col (samples)
Folder 5 [Listeners Review Graphic]
Folder 6 profiles [clippings]
Folder 7 [court transcript – communications act 1934] July 18, 1977
Folder 8 Federal Communications Commission 1951
Folder 9 KMPC – FCC Story
Folder 10 Treasure Hunt / Projects
Folder 11 Al Hirt Liners [liner notes/correspondence]

Folder 12	Tops [1] 58-59 liner notes
Folder 13	Tops 1959-60 liner notes
Folder 14	Prompter
Folder 15	Hi-Fi
Folder 16	Diners Record Club News
Folder 17	Billboard Espanol
Folder 18	Billboard en Espanol
Folder 19	Decca 20th
Folder 20	Capitol [records]
Folder 21	CMA Board Meeting/Denver July 14-16, 1981
Folder 22	5th Annual Radio Programming Forum 1972

Box 8

Manuscripts

Folder 1	Billboard in Home Entertainment
Folder 2	screenings [personnel]
Folder 3	1991-92 NARM correspondences
Folder 4	1991 KFC Song Contest Correspondences
Folder 5	1989-92 KFC/Billboard Song Contest – accounting
Folder 6	1982 Business Files – accounting
Folder 7	Billboard Tokyo
Folder 8	Cafe Tokyo
Folder 9	Scan, Inc
Folder 10	John Lennon
Folder 11	Seventh Annual International Radio Programming Forum
Folder 12	Billboard Behind the Scenes
Folder 13	Billboard Fiscal Reports
Folder 14	Submission form letters
Folder 15	Newspaper Clippings
Folder 16	'The Heagel Story' [photographs]
Folder 17	Billboard Retirement Plan
Folder 18	Personal – New York life loans
Folder 19	Tower 53 condo
Folder 20	Estate of John Gilman D'Arcy Paul [estate sale]
Folder 21	Furniture, etc receipts & checks 1973
Folder 22	Zhito Employment Contracts
Folder 23	Zhito Benefit Plan
Folder 24	Zhito Benefit Plan
Folder 25	Billboard Stocks/merger 1985
Folder 26	Zhito Music Editor Offer 1948
Folder 27	Various Scraps phone numbers & addresses

Box 9

Manuscripts

Folder 1	Tape Cartridge
Folder 2	History of Tape data & pics [folder 1 of 2]
Folder 3	History of Tape data & pics [folder 2 of 2]
Folder 4	Misc Flyers / Promo

Box 10 Personal Papers – RESTRICTED

[Please ask Archivist for access to these papers]

Folder 1	1979 Personnel Forms
Folder 2	1982 Personnel Forms
Folder 3	1984 Personnel Forms [Salary Review]
Folder 4	Zhito Family Trust
Folder 5	Lee Zhito Medical Records
Folder 6	Zhito Benefit Plan
Folder 7	Jim Halsey / Billboard Tax Returns 1992
Folder 8	Quincy Jones Productions – Special Edition – addresses

Box 11 Manuscripts – Oversized

Folder 1	National Academy of Recording Artists and Sciences Programs [Grammys]
Folder 2	Life Magazine Articles
Folder 3	Gail Davis Billboard Award 1954-55
Folder 4	El Caribe Newspapers 1956

Materials Cataloged Separately:

Per Center policy, certain formats are cataloged separately for accessibility. These include secondary serials [*Amusement Business*] and general periodicals [*Billboard*], as well as the audio/visual materials.

Location:

All manuscript materials are located in the special collections storage area filed by accession number.

Related Materials:

Billboard Magazine is located in the larger serials collection. For related manuscript materials, the Everett Corbin Collection relates in terms of journalism, and the Brad McCuen Collection relates in terms of music business papers and internal workings of those in the industry.

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