

**Harold Prince (Stephen Sondheim)**  
*Harold Prince Video and Film Collection*  
 1957-1986

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A collection of film and videos from 1956-1987 relating to legendary Broadway producer and director Harold “Hal” Prince, many featuring Stephen Sondheim productions, and notably including Prince’s own copy of a performance of *Pacific Overtures* which has never been made available commercially. Also featured are rehearsal footage, show clips, and contemporary commercials for *West Side Story*, *Cabaret*, *Sweeney Todd*, and other shows, as well as television interviews and specials with Prince on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Dick Cavett Show*, and appearances with Sondheim on several full-length Tony Award telecasts. This media archive is contained on over 40 films and video tapes of various formats from 16mm and 8mm films to 2” videos and Betamax tapes. All items are in playable condition.

The collection was part of materials used for research by a New York University and Berkeley University theater professor who acquired the films and videos from the Prince archives. The majority of the recordings here document Prince's productions from the late-60s to the mid-80s in collaborations with John Kander and Fred Ebb (*Cabaret*), Andrew Lloyd Webber (*Evita*), and Sondheim, whom he worked closely with on six groundbreaking musicals between 1970 and 1981, including *Follies*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Pacific Overtures*.

Several of the films and videos here are likely unique. We have not been able to find any commercially available copies on tape, film, or DVD, most notably *Pacific Overtures*. One of Sondheim's most nontraditional and challenging pieces, *Overtures* has never been released to the public, and only seen as a bootlegged Japanese television recording. Contained here are two 2" video reels containing an entire performance recorded on June 10, 1976, several weeks before the original run closed. The videos were produced by Screen Gems Video Services and are each stamped "Protection Copy HB Original" and bear shipping labels with Prince's name and Rockefeller Center office address.

Additional highlights include the following: a 16mm film of a party at Sardi's in 1957 for *West Side Story*; a 16mm film clip from Prince's production of *Fiorello* in 1961; a five minute 16mm clip of Oscar-winner Judi Dench as Sally Bowles in the 1968 West End debut *Cabaret*, once considered the definitive version of the character; a two-part interview with Prince on *The Dick Cavett Show*; a 20 minute 16mm clip from a 1969 *Ed Sullivan Show* honoring Hal Prince featuring scenes from *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, and *Zorba*; a silent 20 minute 16mm film of final rehearsal scenes for *Follies* in 1971; along with 27 video tapes of short clips and television ads for *On the 20th Century*, *Sweeny Todd*, *Evita*, *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *Grind*, and *Play Money*, along with short pieces and interviews of Prince from *Today Show*, *Sunday Morning*, *South Bank Show*, *MacNeil/Lehrer Report*, and others.

An important group of original film and video recordings of two of the Grand Masters of Broadway Musical theater and a commercial quality video of a previously unreleased production of *Pacific Overtures*.

Inventory:

## **Broadway**

### *Cabaret*

- 8mm reel. 10 seconds. November, 1966. TV ads for the original Broadway run of the show which debuted on November 20, 1966.
- 8mm reel. One minute. November 1966. TV ads for the original Broadway run of the show which debuted on November 20, 1966.
- 16mm reel. Five minutes. [1968]. Recording of Judi Dench as Sally Bowles from the original West End run.

### *A Doll's Life*

- Betamax video tape. Two minutes. May 27, 1982. Three TV ads.

### *Evita*

- Betamax video tape. Two minutes. [November 30]. Three TV ads.

### *Fiorello*

- 16mm reel. [No length]. 1961. Clips from the production.

### *Follies*

- 16mm reel. 30 minutes. April 3, 1971. No sound. Footage from the rehearsal.

### *Grind*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [December 17, 1984]. TV ad.
- Betamax video tape. 30 seconds. March 11, [1985]. TV ad.
- Betamax video tape. [No length]. April 16 and 17, [1985]. TV interviews on NBC, ABC, and CNN.
- Betamax video tape. 30 seconds. May 2, [1985]. TV ad featuring the song, "This Must be the Place."

### *On the 20th Century*

- 2" video tape. 30 seconds. April 12, 1978. TV ad.
- Two 1" video reels. [No length]. October 27, 1978. Unidentified TV footage.
- Betamax video tape. 30 seconds. [1978]. TV ad.

### *Pacific Overtures*

- Betamax video tape. 10 and 30 seconds. December 7, [1975]. Two TV ads.
- Two 2" quad video tape reels. 2.5 hours. June 10, 1976. "Protection Copy" produced by Screen Gems Video Services of an original cast production recorded in the final week of its original run. With shipping labels addressed to Prince at his Rockefeller Center office.

### *Play Memory*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [1984]. Interview with Prince.

### *Side by Side by Sondheim*

- Betamax video tape. 30 and 60 seconds. December 7, [1977?]. Two TV ads.

### *Sweeny Todd*

- Betamax video tape. 30 seconds. [1979]. TV ad.
- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [1979]. MacNeil/Lehrer Report clip.

### *West Side Story.*

- 16mm reel. 12 minutes. September 26, 1957. NBC news footage of a cast party at Sardi's Restaurant.

### **Television Appearances**

#### *The Dick Cavett Show*

- Betamax video tape. One hour. [March 10 and 22, 1980]. Prince interview (likely from the rebroadcast of February 19 and 20 show).



### *The Ed Sullivan Show*

- 16mm reel. 20 minutes. [February 23, 1969]. A clip honoring Prince with scenes from *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, and *Zorba*.

### *Kennedy Center Honors*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. December 25, [1982]. Part of celebration of George Abbott.

### *Kennedy Center Honors – Oral History*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. September 18, [1982]. Prince interviews George Abbott.

### *MacNeil / Lehrer Report*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. March 28, [1986].

### *Omnibus*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. June 24, 1984. Prince interviews Abbott.

### *South Bank Show*

- VHS tape. [No length]. [May 27]. A British ITV show hosted Melvyn Braggby, which features a segment on Prince.

### *Sunday Morning [CBS]*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. Prince appearance.

### *Today Show*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [December 23].

### *Tony Awards*

- Three 16mm reels. 1971. 1.5 hours. Recording of *The 25th Annual Tony Awards* with Prince's *Company* winning Best Musical.
- Betamax video tape. Two hours. [June 3, 1979]. Recording of *The 33rd Annual Tony Awards* with Prince's *Sweeney Todd* winning Best Musical.
- *Betamax video tape. Two hours. June 12. Unidentified recording of the annual Tony Awards show.*

### *WNET Television*

- *Betamax video tape. Two hours. March 4, 1981. Interview with Hal Prince.*

### **Miscellaneous**

#### *On Lyric Opera*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [December 7].

#### *Prince of Broadway*

- Betamax video tape. [No length]. [December 17].

Unidentified

- Two Betamax video tapes.
- U-matic video tape. [BTC#399178]

