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HAROLD FRYAR MATERIALS, CA. 1964–2007

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 oversized folder; 2 artifacts

COLLECTION
DATES: Ca. 1964–2007

PROVENANCE: Harold Fryar, Franklin, Indiana, 2012

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harold "Hal" Fryar, entertainer, actor and performer, is best-known for his role as "Harlow Hickenlooper," one of a trio of hosts for a children's audience of WFBM-TV Channel Six's Saturday morning "Three Stooges" program in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fryar's Harlow Hickenlooper character was famous for getting a "pie in the face" and singing his own special rendition of the "Harlow Happy Birthday" song.

WFBM-TV Channel Six's Saturday morning "Three Stooges" program became the top-rated children's show during its twelve-year run from 1960–1972. In recognition of his work as host, Hal Fryar was chosen for the role of "Johnny Ringo" in the 1965 Three Stooges movie, *The Outlaws is Coming*.

Fryar continued to be involved in WFBM radio and television programs for several years. From 1990–1995, Hal Fryar played the character "Grandpa Harlow" for WFYI-TV Channel 20 Kids Club. Fryar's work as an advertising and sales executive in Indianapolis led him to develop a side career as an entertainer and public speaker for corporations and other organizations.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

"About Harlow" http://www.harlowhickenlooper.com/2013/about_harlow.html (Accessed 10 June 2014)

Hal Fryar Biography: IMDb

http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0296799/bio?ref_=nm_ov_bio_sm (Accessed 10 June 2014)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists mostly of materials relating to entertainer Harold Fryar and his character "Harlow Hickenlooper." The collection contains two artifacts: a straw boater hat with the top torn and a colorful striped jacket, as well as a color photocopy of a photograph of Harold Fryar wearing the artifacts and holding an official NBA game basketball. Collection also consists of promotional materials: two photo wallet cards, a laminated banner, a brochure for WFYI TV20 Kids Club, and two brochures promoting Harold Fryar for hire as a public speaker. There is also one black-and-white photocopied photograph of Hal Fryar standing with Curly and Moe of the Three Stooges—it was probably taken during the filming of the 1965 Three Stooges movie, *The Outlaws is Coming*, when Harold Fryar was chosen for the role of "Johnny Ringo."

Collection also contains one newspaper clipping, from an undated and unknown paper, mentioning Fryar dressing as the Easter bunny for the L.S. Ayres' children's department in Indianapolis. He is pictured in the costume.

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Photo wallet card, reverse printing reads: "HAL FRYAR as "Harlow" EACH SATURDAY MORNING on NBC 6." Date range "1960–1972" written in pen [obverse is headshot of Fryar as "Harlow," holding a cream pie]

Photo wallet card, on reverse, the heading reads: "Souvenir Photo for "grown-up fans" [obverse is headshot of Fryar as "Harlow," holding a cream pie, n.d.]

Photocopied photograph "Introducing Hal Fryar" [color, Hal Fryar wearing straw boater hat and colorful jacket also in collection, holding an official NBA game basketball, n.d.]

Photocopied photograph [black and white, Hal Fryar standing with Curly and Moe of the Three Stooges, n.d.]

Brochure, WFYI TV20 Kids Club [includes 4 pictures of Hal Fryar]

Promotional Brochure, Hal Fryar, 1960–75

Promotional Brochure, Hal Fryar, 1975–95

Newspaper clipping, "Inside Indianapolis" [n.d., Fryar pictured wearing Easter bunny costume]

Laminated banner, reads: "Special Celebrity / HAL FRYAR / 'Harlow Hickenlooper' / & The Three Stooges"

Men's jacket. Multi-colored, with vertical stripes [part of his role as Harlow Hickenlooper]

Boater straw hat. [Top of hat missing, part of his role as Harlow Hickenlooper]

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