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# Guide to the Collection of Game Show Set Designs, 1988-2008 — 124.841

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong
<b>Source:</b>	Boden, Robert ("Bob")
<b>Title:</b>	Collection of game show set designs
<b>ID:</b>	124.841
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1988-2008
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1990-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.0 Linear Feet (1 half-size archival box, 2 oversize boxes, 3 oversize folders)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1-3
<b>Graphic Materials [map-case]:</b>	2
<b>[drawer]:</b>	8
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection consists of materials related to the set design of television game shows. The materials date from 1988 to 2008 with the bulk of materials dating from 1990 to 1999. The collection is comprised of blueprints, correspondence, illustrations, notes and references, photographs, and technical drawings.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Ernie Marjoram is an American artist with an interest in perspective drawing, architecture, and cultural history. Marjoram worked as an architect for 15 years and traveled extensively during that time. In 1995,

he began working on sketches and set designs for TV, film, and entertainment industry clients. Marjoram has exhibited his personal artwork since 2003, and also teaches design and perspective sketching to the Production Designers at the American Film Institute Conservatory.

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## Collection Scope and Content Note

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The collection of game show set designs contains materials used in the aesthetic and technical design of television game show stage sets. The aesthetic design materials are comprised of illustrations by Ernie Marjoram which include full color illustrations, line art, and composite drawings which combine multiple viewpoints and details. Also included are photographs of live TV show tapings used as reference material, including composites constructed from multiple images.

Technical design materials include blueprints, notes, and technical drawings of stage floor plans and details, particularly from *Family Feud*, *Love Connection*, and *Your Place or Mine*.

Programs represented in this collection include *3's a Crowd*, *The Dating Game*, *Family Feud*, *The Gong Show*, *Lingo*, *Love Connection*, *The Newlywed Game*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *Win Ben Stein's Money*, *World Poker Tournament*, *Your Place or Mine*, and much more. Some of the materials in the collection pertain to unaired pilots.

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## System of Arrangement

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Materials are arranged into folders alphabetically by game show.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Beat the Clock (Television program)
- Candid Camera (Television program)
- Dating Game (Television program)
- Debt (Television program)
- Distractions (Television program)
- Family Feud (Television program)
- Fun House (Television program)
- Gong Show (Television program)
- Greed (Television program)
- Hollywood Teasers (Television program)
- I've Got a Secret (Television program)
- Krypton Factor (Television program)
- Love Connection (Television program)
- Majority Rules (Television program)
- Make Me Laugh! (Television program)
- Newlywed game (Television program)

- Playboy's Love and Sex Test (Television program)
- Quickies (Television program)
- Singled Out (Television program)
- Smartest Guy in Town (Television program)
- Sports Geniuses (Television program)
- Treasure Mall (Television program)
- To Tell the Truth (Television program)
- Wheel of Fortune (Television program)
- National Archives of Game Show History
- Boden, Robert ("Bob")
- Anderson, Louie
- Marjoram, Ernie

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
<i>Candid Camera</i> , photographs, undated	box 1	folder 1
<i>Celebrity Says!</i> , illustration, 2007	box 1	folder 2
"Davinci Code," photographs (some printed), undated	box 1	folder 3
<i>Friends or Lovers</i> , illustrations, undated	box 1	folder 4
<i>Go For the Green!</i> , photographs, 2008	box 1	folder 5
<i>Hollywood Teasers</i> , correspondence, illustrations (printed), 2007	box 1	folder 6
"Jumble (1)," photographs, 1988	box 1	folder 7
"Louie in St. Louis," stand-up comedy special, Louie Anderson , circa 1990	box 1	folder 8
<i>Quickies</i> , correspondence, illustrations, 2007	box 1	folder 9
"The Smartest Guy in Town," photograph, 2007	box 1	folder 10
<i>Sports Geniuses</i> , photographs (printed), 2000	box 1	folder 11
<i>Treasure Mall</i> , photographs, 1988	box 1	folder 12
<i>Your Place or Mine</i> , set design notes, 2008	box 1	folder 13
<i>3's a Crowd</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1999	box 2	folder 1
<i>Beat the Clock</i> , illustrations, photographs (printed), undated	box 2	folder 2
<i>Debt</i> , illustration, 1996	box 2	folder 3
<i>Distractions</i> , illustrations, undated	box 2	folder 4
<i>Family Feud</i> , illustrations, 2002	box 2	folder 5
<i>Fox Sports Master</i> , illustration, 1999	box 2	folder 6

Game show sets, unidentified, illustrations and photographs, circa 1990	box 2	folder 7
<i>The Gong Show</i> , illustrations, 2003	box 2	folder 8
<i>Greed</i> , illustrations, photographs, undated	box 2	folder 9
<i>I've Got a Secret</i> , illustrations, undated	box 2	folder 10
<i>Krypton Factor</i> , design notes, illustration, 2003	box 2	folder 11
<i>Lingo</i> , illustrations, 2002	box 2	folder 12
<i>Love Connection</i> , illustrations, 1998	box 2	folder 13
<i>Majority Rules</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1996	box 2	folder 14
<i>Make Me Laugh</i> , illustration, 1996	box 2	folder 15
"Science Pop Quiz," illustrations, undated	box 2	folder 16
<i>Singled Out</i> , illustrations, 1995-1998	box 2	folder 17
VS, illustrations, photographs, 1999	box 2	folder 18
"War of Words," illustration, undated	box 2	folder 19
<i>Wheel of Fortune</i> , illustrations, 1996	box 2	folder 20
<i>Win Ben Stein's Money</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1997	box 2	folder 21
<i>World Poker Tour</i> , illustrations, photographs, undated	box 2	folder 22
<i>The Dating Game</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1996-1997	box 3	folder 1
<i>The Newlywed Game</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1996	box 3	folder 2
<i>Playboy's Love and Sex Test</i> , illustrations, photographs, 1992	box 3	folder 3
"Rumormill," and VS, photographs, undated	box 3	folder 4
<i>To Tell the Truth</i> , illustrations, photographs, undated	box 3	folder 5
<i>Family Feud</i> , set blueprints and drawings, 2005	oversize Oversize	folder 1
<i>Love Connection</i> , set blueprints, 1998	oversize Oversize	folder 2
<i>Your Place or Mine</i> , set blueprints and drawings, 2008	oversize Oversize	folder 3