Today’s American culture is inundated with photographs, news, and advertisements idolizing Hollywood stars. How did this current culture of celebrity worship begin? Featuring artwork from the Jacques Kapralik collection at the American Heritage Center, this exhibit follows the rise of celebrity culture and Hollywood publicity through the eyes of Kapralik’s artwork. From the 1930s through the 1950s, caricaturist Jacques Kapralik produced advertising art for many newspapers and Hollywood film studios. His most celebrated type of work was a unique form of three-dimensional caricature made of intricately cut out paper dolls replicating scenes from popular movies of the time. A sampling of Kapralik’s exquisite Hollywood caricature art is displayed in this exhibit.

Size: 23 framed pieces, 1 DVD (2 crates)
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