

The Ed Wynn Show

US TV sitcom : 1958 : dir. : NBC / Screen Gems : 15 x 25 min
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:
[Sherri Alberoni](#)
 Ed Wynn; Herb Vigran; Clarence Straight

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Pigtails and bellropes – but which to pull first..?

Source: How Sweet it Was

Halliwell's Television Companion review:

"Stories of a retired small-town judge and his orphan granddaughters. Not quite this old vaudevillean's cup of tea. There had been a previous "Ed Wynn Show" in 1949 on CBS, a series of half-hour variety specials with famous comedy guests. This was the first series to originate live from Hollywood."

How Sweet it Was – Television: A Pictorial Commentary caption:

"Wynn played a grandfather, and Sherri Alberoni his granddaughter, in this 1958 family comedy."

[no listing in "History of Television",
"Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of
ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. Nothing more is known of sweet-faced Sherri Alberoni. The ultimate accolade American television could bestow upon a celebrity or comic was a show in his/her own name: "**The Donna Reed Show**", "**The Phil Silvers Show**", "**The Patty Duke Show**", "**The Kate Smith Hour**" (who??)... It does, on the other hand, smack of a poverty of imagination. "The John Cleese Show" would not have had quite the same ring as "**Fawlty Towers**", or "The Magnus Magnusson Hour" quite the same caché as "**Mastermind**". British TV had its share of offenders too though: "**The Dick Emery Show**", "**Douglas Fairbanks Presents**", "**The Benny Hill Show**", "**The Dickie Henderson Show**" and others. One of the limitations of that nomenclature is in overseas sales – many household names in the US are little known abroad, as most continental celebrities are confined to their own national borders. "**Van Koten en De Bie**" would not mean much to anyone outside the Netherlands. At any rate, since "**The Ed Wynn Show**" did not survive more than fifteen episodes, it must have been a ratings flop even in the States.

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