

1977 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

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Collection Summary

Collection Number: AFC 1977/003

Title: 1977 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

Inclusive Date: 1977

Repository: Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.home>

Extent (Manuscripts): 8 folders

Extent (Sound Recordings): 16 sound tape reels: analog, 7 1/2 ips, 2 track, mono., 10 in.

Extent (Graphic Images): ca. 420 photographs

Creator: American Folklife Center

Languages: English, Cajun French, and Spanish

Abstract: Documentation of the monthly 1977 Neptune Concert Series, which consists of manuscript materials, sound recordings, and photographs of performers of bluegrass music, country music, blues music, Andean music, Cajun music, and Missouri fiddling recorded live outdoors on Neptune Plaza in front of the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, from April through October 1977, sponsored by the American Folklife Center and the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

Scope and Content

The 1977 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection consists of manuscript and print materials, audio recordings, and graphic materials that document the 1977 concert series sponsored by the American Folklife Center. The annual series, which began in 1977, features the presentation of folk traditions from many cultures. The concerts took place on the Neptune Plaza at the front of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress between April and October. Adverse weather conditions sometimes forced the concerts indoors. The 1977 series was produced with the assistance of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

The 1977 season consisted of the following:

Date	Performers	Place of Origin	Subject
April 25	Bluegrass Cardinals	Virginia	Bluegrass music
May 23	John Jackson	Virginia	Blues music
June 8	Southern Mountain Boys	Delaware	Bluegrass music
June 29	Los Rumi Songos	Washington, D.C.	Andean music
July 27	The Balfa Brothers	Louisiana	Cajun music
July 27	Joe Politte	Missouri	French style fiddling
September 14	Bob Goff, Jr. and the Hobbs Sisters	Virginia	Bluegrass music
October 19	Ola Belle Reed	Maryland	Country music

Administrative History

Documentation created and accessioned by the American Folklife Center in 1977.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Boggs, Lindy, 1916- speaker

Jackson, John, 1924-2002, performer.
Politte, Joe, performer.
Reed, Ola Belle, performer.

Organizations and Performing Groups

American Folklife Center, collector.
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress), collector.
Balfa Brothers, performer.
Bluegrass Cardinals, performer.
Hobbs Sisters and Bob Goff (Musical group) performer.
National Council for the Traditional Arts, sponsor.
Rumi Songos (Musical group) performer.
Southern Mountain Boys (Musical group) performer.

Subjects

African Americans--Music.
Bluegrass music--1971-1980.
Bluegrass music--Middle Atlantic States.
Blues (Music)--1971-1980.
Blues (Music)--Virginia.
Cajun music--Louisiana.
Country music--Maryland.
Fiddle tunes--Missouri.
Folk music--United States.
Folk songs, English--United States.
Music--Andes Region.
Old-time music--Middle Atlantic States.
Popular music--Andes Region.
Songs, Cajun French--Louisiana.

Titles

American Folklife Center concert, 1977
Neptune Plaza Concert Series, 1977

Form/Genre

Manuscripts.
Photographs.
Color slides.
Sound recordings.

Access

Listening and viewing access to the collection is unrestricted. Duplication of the collection materials may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

Preferred Citation

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Collection Concordance by Format

Quantity	Physical Extent (original)	Item Numbers
Manuscript Materials		
8	folders	Folders 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18
Sound Recordings		
16	10" DT mono reels at 7.5 ips	LWO 9484 R1-3; AFS 18983-18985 LWO 9517 R1-2; AFS 18986-18987 LWO 9546 R1-3 LWO 9505 R1-2 LWO 9567 R1-2 LWO 9666-9667 R1-2 LWO 9749-9750 R1-2
Graphic Images		
358	black-and-white negatives	Envelopes 1, 4-5, 7-10
11	black-and-white contact sheets	Folders 3, 6-9, 12, 14-15,17, 19
1	8x10 black-and-white photographic print	Folder 4
8	5x7 black-and-white photographic prints	Folders 4, 6-9, 14-15,17
48	color slides	Envelopes 2-3, 6, 11

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Collection Inventory

Container

Contents

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

Publicity and Administration

- FOLDER 1 Archive of Folk Culture Administrative Materials.
 The collection guide (this document), an article describing the Neptune Plaza Concert Series, and a press release about the 1977 concert series.
- FOLDER 2 Bluegrass Cardinals, 4-25-77
 Concert fliers, press release, news clippings, and biographical sketches.
- FOLDER 5 John Jackson, 5-23-77
 Concert fliers, press release, and a list of songs performed at the concert.
- FOLDER 10 Southern Mountain Boys, 6-8-77
 Concert fliers.
- FOLDER 11 Los Rumi Songos, 6-29-77
 Concert fliers, press release, and news clippings
- FOLDER 13 The Balfa Brothers and Joe Politte, 7-27-77
 Concert fliers, press release, and news clippings. Congresswoman Lindy Boggs introduced the second half of the concert.
- FOLDER 16 Bob Goff, Jr. and the Hobbs Sisters, 9-14-77
 Concert fliers and press release.
- FOLDER 18 Ola Belle Reed, 10-19-77
 Concert fliers.

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

Reel-to-reel Audio Tapes

- LWO 9484 R1-3 Bluegrass Cardinals, 4-25-77.
AFS 18983-18985

 Three 10" DT stereo at 7.5 ips.
- LWO 9517 R1-2 John Jackson, 5-23-77.
AFS 18986-18987

 Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.
- LWO 9546 R1-3 Southern Mountain Boys, 6-8-77.

 Three 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.
- LWO 9567 R1-2 Los Rumi Songos, 6-29-77.

 Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.
- LWO 9505 R1-2 The Balfa Brothers and Joe Politte, 7-27-77.

 Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.
- LWO 9666-9667 Bob Goff, Jr. and the Hobbs Sisters, 9-14-77.

 Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
LWO 9749-9750	Ola Belle Reed, 10-19-77. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips.

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Negatives

ENVELOPE 1	Bluegrass Cardinals, 4-25-77 Two sheets (and one sheet of copies) of black and white, 35 mm (74 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
ENVELOPES 4-5	John Jackson, 5-23-77 Four sheets of black and white, 35 mm (105 images). Photographed by Ray Dockstader and Carl Fleischhauer.
ENVELOPE 7	Los Rumi Songos, 6-29-77 One sheet of black and white, 35 mm (35 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
ENVELOPE 8	The Balfa Brothers and Joe Politte, 7-27-77 Two sheets of black and white, 35 mm (73 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
ENVELOPE 9	Bob Goff, Jr. and the Hobbs Sisters, 9-14-77 One sheet of black and white, 35 mm (35 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
ENVELOPE 10	Ola Belle Reed, 10-19-77 One sheet of black and white, 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by Paula Johnson.

Photographic Prints

FOLDERS 3-4	Bluegrass Cardinals, 4-25-77 Two black-and-white, 35 mm contact sheets (74 images) in Folder 3; one 8 x 10 black-and-white photoprint and three 5 x 7 black-and-white photoprints in Folder 4. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
FOLDERS 6-9	John Jackson, 5-23-77 Four black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (105 images), one duplicated sheet, and four 5 x 7 black-and-white photoprints. Photographed by Ray Dockstader and Carl Fleischhauer.
FOLDER 12	Los Rumi Songos, 6-29-77 One black-and-white 35 mm contact sheet (35 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
FOLDERS 14-15	The Balfa Brothers and Joe Politte, 7-27-77 Two black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (73 images), one 8 x 7 black-and-white photoprint, and one 5 x 7 black-and-white photoprint. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
FOLDER 17	Bob Goff, Jr. and the Hobbs Sisters, 9-14-77 One black-and-white contact sheet (35 images) and one 5 x 7 black-and-white photoprint. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
FOLDER 19	Ola Belle Reed, 10-19-77 One black-and-white contact sheet (36 images). Photographed by Paula Johnson.

Color Slides

ENVELOPES 2-3	Bluegrass Cardinals, 4-25-77 Two holders containing a total of 34. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer.
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Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Container

Contents

ENVELOPE 6

John Jackson, 5-23-77

One holder containing 3. Photographed by Mark Schellhammer.

ENVELOPE 11

Ola Belle Reed, 10-19-77

One holder containing 11. Photographed by Mark Schellhammer.