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(Documenting Duke Ellington's Concert Tour of Asia)

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Naomi Huber Brown Papers (Documenting Duke Ellington's Concert Tour of Asia)
Date:	1960-1963.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0429
Creator:	Brown, Naomi Huber
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Records document the preparation and management of Duke Ellington's 1963 tour of Asia.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical Note

Naomi Huber Brown was the United States Foreign Service officer that was responsible for the administration of Duke Ellington's State Department tour of the Middle East and Asia in 1963. Her duties included scheduling travel and making arrangements for the members of the Ellington Orchestra, and the distribution of appropriate currencies to the band members as they toured each country.

Scope and Contents

The Naomi Huber Brown Papers contain black and white photographs, correspondence, business contracts, travel itineraries, list of band members, newspaper reviews, a concert program and Brown's personal diary documenting Duke Ellington's 1963 State Department tour of the Middle East and Asia. The material is arranged alphabetically. Of particular interest is a program from a November 1 and 3 Karachi, Pakistan concert, and photographs autographed by Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Isaac Stern.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Jazz -- 1960-1970 -- United States
Jazz musicians -- 1960-1970 -- United States
Music -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

Business records -- 1950-2000
Notes -- 1960-1970
Photographs -- 1960-1970

Names:

Armstrong, Louis, 1901-1971
Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974

Places:

Asia -- Concerts -- 1960-1970

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Autographed Album Cover for 'Afro Bossa", 1963
Box 1, Folder 2	Concert Contracts, 1960-10-19
Box 1, Folder 3	Concert Program, Karachi, Pakistan, 1963-11-01
Box 1, Folder 4	Concert Review from Saturday Review, 1963-07-27
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1963-10-05-1963-12-26
Box 1, Folder 6	Diary (spiral-bound notebook), 1963
Box 1, Folder 7	Itinerary for the Near East Tour, 1963-09-1963-10
Box 1, Folder 8	. Orchestra Member List, 1963-07
Box 1, Folder 9	Personal Notes, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Photographs, undated Notes: Includes images of: Armstrong, Louis; Brown, Lawrence; Brown, Naomi; Cage, John; Carney, Harry; Ellington, Duke; Shaw, Robert; Shepard, Earl; Stern, Issac; and West, Randy
Box 1, Folder 11	Travel Activities Checklists, 1963