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Collection Overview

Repository:	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
Title:	<i>Banding Together: School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity</i> Exhibition Records
Date:	1925-2006
Identifier:	ACMA.03-048
Extent:	1.5 Linear feet (2 box; digital files)
Language:	English .
Summary:	An exhibition on the history, community impact, and support of instrumental music education in Washington, D.C. public schools from the 1880s to 2006. The exhibit focuses on the development of junior and senior high school cadet (military) bands and their evolution into the popular marching and show band programs today. The exhibit was organized by the Anacostia Community Museum in collaboration with Community Help In Music Education and held from September 10, 2006 to May 14, 2007. These records document the planning, organizing, execution, and promotion of the exhibition. Materials include correspondence, newspaper clippings, articles, original documentary photographs, and brochures.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Records of *Banding Together: School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity* Exhibition were created by the Anacostia Community Museum.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

The records of the exhibition *Banding Together* measure 2 linear feet and date from 1925 to 2006 (bulk dates 1970 to 2006). The records include administrative records, research files, floor plans, exhibit texts, oral histories, transcripts, and project files.

Administrative records include correspondence, meeting minutes, project outline, list of potential artifacts, concept statement, and contact lists.

Research files contain articles, clippings, and photocopies pertaining to school bands in the District of Columbia, and high school music education in general, as well as articles on the following Washington, DC schools: Anacostia, Ballou, Cardozo, Dunbar, Eastern, and Howard D. Woodson.

Oral history interviews contain compact discs, transcripts and indexes of interviews conducted with high school band directors.

Exhibit files include floor plan layouts, photocopies of images and artifacts, brochures, object list, and scripts.

Photograph files include original documentation of school band parades, portraits of band directors, school band uniforms and instruments, and photocopies of images borrowed for the exhibition.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Museum exhibits
- Music -- Instruction and study
- Parades

Types of Materials:

- Portraits

Names:

- Public Schools of the District of Columbia

Places:

- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

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Box 1, Folder 16	2: Musicians and bands photocopies, 1930-1989
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Box 2, Folder 28	2: Photocopies of bands, 1970-1988
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Series 5: Photograph Files

Scope and Contents: This series include original documentation of school band parades, portraits of band directors, school band uniforms and instruments, and photocopies of images borrowed for the exhibition.

H. D. Woodson High School

ACMA_03-048WBDrumMajor: [Drum Major portrait, H.D. Woodson High School, 2006](#)

1 Digital image

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Drum Major Jonathon Walker of the H. D. Woodson Senior High School Marching Band.

Genre/Form: Studio portraits

Topic: Drum majors

Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

ACMA_03-048DrumMajor1: [Drum Major portrait, H.D. Woodson High School, 2006](#)

1 Digital image

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Jonathan Walker, drum major of the H. D. Woodson Marching Band, demonstrates the signals and baton positions used by a drum major.

Place: Washington (D.C.)

Topic: Drum majors

Marching bands

Genre/Form: Studio portraits

ACMA_03-048DrumMajor2: [Drum Major portrait, H.D. Woodson High School, 2006](#)

1 Digital image

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Jonathan Walker, drum major of the H. D. Woodson Marching Band, demonstrates the signals and baton positions used by a drum major.

Place: Washington (D.C.)

Topic: Drum majors

Marching bands

Genre/Form: Studio portraits

ACMA_03-048DrumMajor3: [Drum Major portrait, H.D. Woodson High School, 2006](#)

1 Digital image

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Jonathan Walker, drum major of the H. D. Woodson Marching Band, demonstrates the signals and baton positions used by a drum major.

Place: Washington (D.C.)

Topic: Drum majors

Marching bands

Genre/Form: Studio portraits

ACMA_03-048WBKingTubas: [H.D. Woodson High School sousaphones, 2006](#)

1 Digital image
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965
Topic: Musical instruments
Brass instruments

Exhibition Opening, September 10, 2006

BandingTogether-9: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965
Notes: Howard University Marching Band parades through the neighborhood to the Anacostia Community Museum as part of *Banding Together: School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity* exhibition opening celebration.
Topic: Parades
Marching bands
Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-5: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965
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Marching bands
Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-6: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965
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Marching bands
Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-7: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965
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Topic: Parades
Marching bands
Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-8: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)
Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Topic: Parades
Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-10: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-11: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-12: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-13: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-14: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-15: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Topic: Parades
Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006

BandingTogether-16: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-17: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-18: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-19: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-2: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-20: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-21: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-24: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-25: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Creator: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Howard University Marching Band performs on the grounds of the Anacostia Community Museum as part of *Banding Together: School as Instruments of Opportunity* exhibition opening celebration.Topic: Parades
Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-30: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-31: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-32: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

BandingTogether-33: [Howard University Marching Band, September 10, 2006](#)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

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Marching bands

Place: Washington (D.C.)

High School Band Directors portraits

ACM-RobertFelder: [Mr.Robert Felder Portrait](#)

1 Photograph (digital)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Band director and instrumental music teacher, Kelly Miller Junior High School, 1956-1967; Theodore Roosevelt High School, 1967-1968. Founder and director of the instrumental music program, University of the District of Columbia and its predecessors, 1968-1991.

Occupation: Band directors

Topic: Schools -- Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American men

ACM-RobertGil: [Mr. Robert Gil, Sr., Portrait](#)

1 Photograph (digital)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Retired principal, Kelly Miller Middle School; former band director, Cardozo High School, 1970s-1980s.

Occupation: Band directors

Topic: Schools -- Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American men

ACM-MrHankerson: [Mr. Charles Hankerson Portrait](#)

1 Photograph (digital)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Charles Edward Hankerson, Jr., band director and instrumental music teacher, H. D. Woodson High School 1972-1994.

Occupation: Band directors

Topic: Schools -- Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American men

ACM-Milligen: [Mr. Sanders Milligan Portrait](#)

1 Photograph (digital)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Band director, H.D. Woodson High School; former band director, Spingarn High School.

Occupation: Band directors

Topic: Schools -- Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American men

ACM-DarrellWatson: [Mr. Darrell Watson Portrait](#)

1 Photograph (digital)

Photographer: Cummings, Steven M., 1965

Notes: Band director and instrumental music teacher, Ballous High School, since ca. 1995.

Occupation: Band directors

Topic: Schools -- Washington (D.C.)

Genre/Form: Portraits -- African American men

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