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Bobby Susser Songs for Children Records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections
Title:	Bobby Susser Songs for Children Records
Date:	1990-2012
Identifier:	CFCH.BSSC
Extent:	3.75 Cubic feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Bobby Susser Songs for Children Records consist of production materials, contracts, copyright registration forms, track notes, and sound recordings, which include audio production elements and commercial releases.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Smithsonian Folkways acquired the Bobby Susser Songs for Children Records directly from Bobby Susser in August, 2015.

Processing Information

Collection received minimal-intermediate preservation processing in August 2015 by processing archivist Greg C. Adams and intern colleague Anne E. Stickley. The collection was received in four shipping boxes. Before arriving in the archives Stickley created a preliminary inventory, elements of which were incorporated into this finding aid. As part of the processing effort, the collection received integrated pest management review, basic preservation rehousing, and preliminary arrangement, culminating in the creation of this finding aid.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Howard Susser (b. 1942) is a musician, producer, and songwriter based in New York City.

Scope and Contents

The Bobby Susser Songs for Children Records are divided into two series: 1) production files and 2) sound recordings. The production files series is arranged in alphabetical order by folder titles. Most titles were retained based on the documentation and original order created by Susser. In some instances, new folder titles were supplied by the processing archivist. Additional notes are available where further analysis is required.

The sound recordings series is divided into two subseries: 1) Audio Production Elements and 2) Commercial Releases. Audio production elements consists of three Ampex two-inch audio tapes and a group of production CDs and DVDs. The commercial recordings consist of LPs and cassettes.

Container Listing

Production Files

Scope and Contents: Folders are arranged in alphabetical order. The five folders listed as "Group 1" through "Group 5" require more definition in order to supply a more accurate title; each folder includes hand written notes relating to the catalog numbers listed after each group name.

Box 1	Award Logos - Early Childhood News, Dr. Toy Award
Box 1	Award seals - Dr. Toy
Box 1	CD booklets and tray cards
Box 1	CDs with CD art and interview
Box 1	<p>Contracts - 1 of 2, Atherton - Gimenez</p> <p>Notes: Contracts came in a single envelope with the following information indicating Bobby Susser's ownership of the 12 albums that include agreements to pay vocalists, musicians, and a few co-producers (all agreements are works for hire, except Ben E. King):</p> <p>Paula Atherton For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 12/21/2011</p> <p>Manny Barker For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs on "Wiggle Wiggle". Signed: 01/12/1995</p> <p>Tony Brown For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "I Am Not So Different (When You Get To Know Me)". Signed: 09/20/1993</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "It's The Flag Along The Way" "All Over The World" "We Must Be Doing Something Right". Signed: 10/21/1992</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Good Friends Forever" "We'll Figure It Out". Signed: 10/20/1992</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 09/24/1993</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 04/27/1993</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "When We're All Standing Together" "Oh What A Sight". Signed: 04/27/1993</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "It's Nice to Be Nice". Signed: 10/01/1993</p> <p>Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 07/05/1994</p>

Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 02/20/1995

Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 08/18/1995

Deanna Jones Falchook For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 07/03/1996

Mark Falchook For: To serve as vocalist/musician/arranger. Signed: 02/17/1993

Mark Falchook For: To serve as co-producer. Signed: 03/20/1993

Mark Falchook For: To serve as vocalist/musician/arranger. Signed: 09/06/1993

Mark Falchook For: To serve as co-producer. Signed: 09/20/1993

John Gatto For: Vocalist/musician for various songs. Signed: 11/15/1991

John Gatto For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 05/1/1992

John Gatto For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 04/10/1992

Mark Gaide For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 07/29/1994

Fred Gaurino For: To serve as co-producer. Signed: 06/11/1992

Lou Gimenez For: Serve as co-producer for "WO!" Signed: 12/08/2011

Lou Gimenez For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Early Learning Sing-Along" "My Day/In Motion And Play" and "All Roads Lead to Home". Signed: 01/19/2012

Lou Gimenez For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "America!" and "WO!" Signed: 01/19/2012

Box 1

Contracts - 2 of 2, Green - Thompson

Notes: Contracts came in a single envelope with the following information indicating Bobby Susser's ownership of the 12 albums that include agreements to pay vocalists, musicians, and a few co-producers (all agreements are works for hire, except Ben E. King):

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician for various songs. Signed: 11/15/1991

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 05/01/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 05/19/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs. Signed: 06/09/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 08/17/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 08/25/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger on "Getting To
Know Each Other". Signed: 10/05/1992

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger on "Getting To
Know Each Other". Signed: 02/06/1993

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 05/04/1993

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 09/14/1993

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 09/22/1993

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 05/29/1994

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Hello Mr. Jack-
O-Lantern" "I Love My Coat" "Snowflakes". Signed: 07/29/1994

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Baseball,
Baseball" and "In the Summertime". Signed: 08/19/1994

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 11/26/1994

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 01/12/1995

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 05/13/1995

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 09/16/1995

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 02/23/1996

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 06/04/1996

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 07/26/1996

Mike Green For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 12/11/1997

William Howard For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various
songs. Signed: 01/12/1995

Edward Jackson For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various
songs. Signed: 06/03/1994

Ben E. King Signatories: Bobby Susser and Ben E. King Item
Title: Record Artist Agreement For: Bobby Susser Songs For
Children From Ben E. King: I Have Songs in my Pocket. Signed:
02/17/1998

Janet Lake For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 01/12/1995

Carol Lane For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "You'll Never
Know How Much Fun It Is". Signed: 11/15/1991

Bobby Miller For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "It's Too Hot
For That". Signed: 06/03/1994

Bobby Miller For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various songs.
Signed: 01/12/1995

Roberta Nelson For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "I Am Not
So Different (When You Get To Know Me)". Signed: 09/20/1993

Dave Newton For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various
songs. Signed: 06/03/1994

Jennifer Orlando For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Music is
Like Magic" "Fill The World With Songs" and "I Have Songs In
My Pocket". Signed: 12/11/1997

Barbara Porcelain For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for various
songs. Signed: 07/01/1991

Joe Simmons For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "You'll Never
Know How Much Fun It Is". Signed: 11/15/1991

Susan Soave For: Vocalist/musician for "Thank The Lord".
Signed: 11/07/1991

Susan Soave For: Vocalist/musician for various songs. Signed:
11/15/1991

Susan Soave For: Vocalist/musician for "The Seeds In The
Spring Are Going To Grow" and "Just Because We're Small".
Signed: 11/29/1991

Susan Soave For: Vocalist/musician for various songs. Signed:
11/22/1991

Alyssa Spooner For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "Music Is
Like Magic" "Fill The World With Songs" "I Have Songs In my
Pocket". Signed: 12/11/1997

James Thompson For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for
"Snowflakes". Signed: 07/29/1994

James Thompson For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "We Are
Like One". Signed: 05/04/1993

James Thompson For: Vocalist/musician/arranger for "When
We're All Standing Together". Signed: 09/20/1993

Box 1

Copyright - SR forms

Notes:

File includes the following registration number:

Registration Number: SR 195-544 Signatories: Bobby Susser
and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work:
Bobby Susser Songs For Children "We Are Better Together"
Date Signed: 04/13/1994

Registration Number: SR 203-340 Signatories: Bobby Susser
and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work:

Bobby Susser Songs For Children "The Album For All Seasons"
Date Signed: 01/05/1995

Registration Number: SR 216-502 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "Wiggle Wiggle And Other Exercises" Date Signed: 12/07/1995

Registration Number: SR 216-500 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "Respect and Confidence" Date Signed: 01/02/1996

Registration Number: SR 205-498 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "Animals At The Zoo" Date Signed: 12/09/1996

Registration Number: SR 256-468 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children From Ben E. King "I Have Songs In My Pocket" Date Signed: 06/03/1998

Registration Number: SR 308-373 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "I Need You And You Need Me" Date Signed: 03/27/2002

Registration Number: SR 314-862 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "Early Learning Sing-Along" Date Signed: 01/09/2003

Registration Number: SR 354-678 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "My Day/In Motion And Play" Date Signed: 06/28/2004

Registration Number: SR 619-319 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "All Roads Lead To Home" Date Signed: 05/28/2008

Registration Number: SR 659-104 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Maria A Pallante, Acting Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "America: An Album For All Ages" Date Signed: 09/16/2009

Registration Number: SR 699-922 Signatories: Bobby Susser and Maria A Pallante, Acting Register of Copyright Title of Work: Bobby Susser Songs For Children "Wo!" Date Signed: 04/13/2012

Box 1	Group 1 - 214, 216, 253, 220, 236
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Box 1	Group 2 - 222, 251, 260
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Box 1	Group 3 - 224, 226, 228
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Box 1	Group 4 - 230, 232, 235
Box 1	Group 5 - 268, 278 "Wo," 26 Children's Best Loved Songs
Box 1	Packaging slips Notes: Bobby Susser's handwritten notes from when materials were shipped to the Smithsonian.
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 1, Animals at the Zoo
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 2, #214, 216, 220, 222, 224, 226, 251, 253, 260 (1 of 2)
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 2, #214, 216, 220, 222, 224, 226, 251, 253, 260 (2 of 2)
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 3, #226
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 4, #222, 224
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 5, #230
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 6, #226
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 7, 26 Children's Best Loved Songs
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 8, #228
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 9, 1) America, 2)Wo
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 10, #222, 224
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 11, Ben E. King (1 of 3)
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 11, Ben E. King (2 of 3)
Box 1	Track notes and midi files - 11, Ben E. King (3 of 3)

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Sound Recordings

Scope and Contents: Series consists of sound recordings that includes production elements and copies of commercial recordings.

Audio production elements

Box 1	<p>Songs for your day, 1992 1 Sound tape reel</p> <p>Notes: Ampex 456 Grandmaster Reel Box Track Sheets: Lyric, Notes, Note which says "Also might contain 'Bikewell Bear' and 'St. Jude'" Handwritten on reel box Client: New Hope Records Project: Songs for Your Day Producer: Bobby Susser Engineer: Fred Guarino Asst Eng: Brian Montgomery Date: 4/10/1992 Reel: 1 Studio: A Tracks: 24 IPS: 15 N.R.: No Original</p>
Box 1	<p>Growing up with a song #214, 1992 1 Sound tape reel</p> <p>Notes: Ampex 456 Grandmaster Reel Box Track Sheets Note which says "Also might contain 'Bikewell Bear' and 'St. Jude'" Handwritten on reel box Client: Bobby Susser/New Hope Artist: Bobby Susser Project: Growing Up With A Song #214 Producer: Bobby Susser Engineer: Fred Guarino Date: 10/21/91 Reel: 1/1 Studio: A Tracks: 24 IPS: 30 N.R.: No Original Speed: 15 Red Noise: No Tape: 456 Level: +2/250 Analog Tails Out</p>
Box 1	<p>Everybody needs somebody, 1992 1 Sound tape reel</p> <p>Notes: Ampex 456 Grandmaster Reel Box Track Sheets Lyric Sheets with handwritten notes Handwritten on reel box Client: New Hope Records Artist: Bobby Susser Project: Album-3: "Everybody Needs Somebody" Producer: Bobby Susser Engineer: F. Guarino Date: 9/15/1992 Reel: 1/1 Studio: A Tracks: 24 IPS: 15 N.R.: No Original</p>
Box 1	<p>DVD and CD Data Disks (7 white cases)</p> <p>Notes: 1) Bobby Susser Multitracks for Albums #s 251, 236, 253, 232, misc. songs, "70", "Bikewell Bear", (St. Jude Theme Song), "Oh What A Sight"</p> <p>2) Re: masters: 1) Wiggle Wiggle, 2) DVD Wiggle Wave Files, 26 Compilation: 1) Mixed Master, 2) DVD Wave Burner Files, PMCD For #260, 1) Wave Burner & audio, 2) Data for #260, 3) Mixed "I'll Always Remember" & "We're Never Far from Home" & All Roads Lead To Home at 24 bit, 1) Song "70 Seventy", 2) Mixed Mastered & DVD & #268 America Album #276 Wo!</p> <p>3) Mixed Masters PMCDs #s 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 235, 236, 251, 253, Bobby Susser, Multitrack audio & Logic, 9 Files for albums, Extra Song Files, Growing Up With A Song, Just Because We're Small, Thank The Lord, We Deserve The Best, It's The Flag, Dear Mr. President</p>

- 4) America: 1) Mixes of Songs 24 Bits 2) Duds of Songs, Multitracks
- 5) Mixed Masters Bobby Susser "WO!" 24 bit & Audio Files CD
- 6) Multitracks: Let's Dance, Wave Burner DVD For Each Song, Album WO! Entire Album & Individual Songs
- 7) America: 1) Mixes of Songs-24 bit

Commercial releases

Box 1 Album for all seasons, The (#226)
5 Sound discs (vinyl)
Notes: Packaged Vinyl Copies 226D-The Album for All Seasons-5 copies To be used for logos etc

Box 1 We are better together (#224)
5 Sound discs (vinyl)
Notes: Packaged Vinyl Copies 224D-We Are Better Together-5 copies
Character has hat. DO NOT use this logo

Box 2 Commercial releases - CDs (72)
Notes: Each CD contains the following tracks on the packaged CDs:

224D-We Are Better Together 1) I'm Not So Different (When You Get To Know Me) 2) It's Nice To Be Nice 3) Dear Mr. President 4) Once We Help Each Other 5) We Are Better Together 6) We Could Understand 7) Oh What A Sight 8) When We're All Standing Together 9) We Ought To Be Each Other's Friend (Why Shouldn't We Be) 10) Trading Places

226D-The Album for All Seasons 1) Cool, Cool, Cool 2) Hello Mr. Jack-O-Lantern 3) The Green Leaves 4) I Love My Coat 5) Snowflakes 6) I Can Hear The Sleigh Bells Ringing 7) Springtime Is Here Again 8) Baseball, Baseball 9) You Can Feel The Spring 10) In The Summertime 11) It's Too Hot For That 12) Fireflies

228D-Wiggle Wiggle And Other Exercises 1) Wiggle Wiggle 2) March Around In A Circle 3) Shake It And You'll Be Happy 4) Simple Exercise 5) Let's Pretend 6) Stretch Your Arms Way Out 7) The Jumping Exercise 8) We Exercise 9) Hello Hello Goodbye Goodbye 10) Rest Awhile

230D-Respect And Confidence 1) Respect And Confidence 2) When I Really Know 3) When I Try Try Try 4) My Shoelaces 5) I Like To Be Me 6) Don't Treat Me Like A Baby 7) Charlie Lika And Bobby 8) Mr. Richard 9) It's Such A Beautiful Day 10) Things That I Like 11) Respect And Confidence (Reprise)

232D-Animals At The Zoo 1) Animals At The Zoo (Prelude) 2) A Trip To The Zoo 3) A Parrot Can't Keep A Secret 4) A Joey 5) The Friendly King Of The Jungle (Hi There) 6) A Turtle Named Tammy 7) An Elephant Named Ed 8) Matthew The Monkey 9)

A Horse With Stripes 10) Alice The Giraffe 11) There's A Seal At The Zoo 12) The Birds Fly And Sing

235D-From Ben E. King I Have Songs In My Pocket 1) I Have Songs In My Pocket 2) Dee Dah Day 3) Music Is Like Magic 4) Bip Bam Boom 5) Sing A Song Each Day 6) There Are Colors All Around 7) Fill The World With Songs 8) Just Do It 9) A Very Special Day 10) Hello Hello Goodbye Goodbye 11) Sleepy Head

236D-I Need You And You Need Me 1) Is Everybody Ready? 2) Good Friends Forever 3) We'll Figure it Out 4) We Must Be Doing Something Right 5) Getting To Know Each Other 6) Everybody Needs Somebody 7) It's All Right 8) All Over The World 9) I Have The Right To Change My Mind 10) Cuddles And Snuggles 11) It's The Flag Along The Way 12) We Deserve The Best

251D-Early Learning Sing-Along 1) I'm Happy 2) We Are Like One 3) Together, Together! 4) It's Raining, It's Pouring, and I'm Wet 5) The Seeds In The Spring Are Going To Grow (With A Little Help) 6) Grandpa Knows So Many Things 7) I Feel So Good When I'm Singing 8) You'll Never Know How Much Fun It Is 9) It's A Kid's World 10) In The Chicken, In The Kitchen 11) I Am A Song (Sing Me) 12) Hug Somebody Today 13) Your Best Friends

253D-My Day/In Motion And Play 1) Good Morning...Good Morning! 2) Don't Forget To Exercise 3) We Better Hurry Up! 4) We Have To Eat 5) Go To School 6) On Our Way Back Home 7) A Daisy 8) I Can't Make Up My Mind 9) Use Your Imagination 10) What Do You Think You'd Want To Be? 11) A World For You And Me 12) I Don't Want To Go To Sleep 13) Lullaby

260D-All Roads Lead To Home 1) We're Never Far From Home 2) All Roads Lead To Home 3) My Room (It's A Wonderful Feeling) 4) Little Brother, Little Sister 5) Grandpa Knows So Many Things 6) We Are Like One 7) All You Need Is Your Family 8) Grandma's Eyes 9) Growing Up With A Song 10) Just Because We're Small 11) I'll Always Remember 12) 70 (Bringin' It Home To You) 13) All Roads Lead To Home (Reprise)

268D-America 1) America 2) Brighter Days 3) Dear Mr. President (Featuring: Mike Green) 4) Lucky Little Man (Living In Louisiana) 5) Building Bridges Today (Featuring Paula Atherton) 6) Hope Is In The Air 7) It's The Flag Along The Way (2009 Version) 8) Fill The World With Songs (Featuring Ben E. King) 9) Dancing In The USA 10) We Can Make It Together 11) Happy Feeling 12) The Res Song (Featuring Paula Atherton)

278D-Wo! 1) Any Time of Day 2) The Wo Wo Song 3) Smiling Face 4) Oooh Good Morning 5) A Party Today 6) Today Is Your Birthday 7) Let's Dance And Dance Forever 8) I'm Ready To Rock N' Roll 9) The Music Gets Us Going 10) On A Train Ride 11) You Ought To Have Fun 12) Good Night

224D-We Are Better Together-6 copies 226D-The Album for All Seasons-6 copies 228D-Wiggle Wiggle And Other Exercises-6 copies 230D-Respect And Confidence-6 copies 232D-Animals

At The Zoo-6 copies 235D-From Ben E. King I Have Songs
In My Pocket-6 copies 236D-I Need You And You Need Me-6
copies 251D-Early Learning Sing-Along-6 copies 253D-My
Day/In Motion And Play-6 copies 260D-All Roads Lead To
Home-8 copies 268D-America-4 copies 278D-Wo!-6 copies

Box 2

Commercial releases - cassettes (20)

Notes: 226D-The Album for All Seasons-2 packaged copies, plus
1 unpackaged 228D-Wiggle Wiggle And Other Exercises-1
packaged copy, 1 unpackaged copy 230D-Respect And
Confidence-2 copies 232D-Animals At The Zoo-5 copies 235D-
From Ben E. King I Have Songs In My Pocket-4 copies 251D-
Early Learning Sing-Along-2 copies 253D-My Day/In Motion
And Play-2 copies

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