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*Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage*

## Bruce Mondschain photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Bruce Mondschain photographs
<b>Date:</b>	2005 November 3
<b>Identifier:</b>	CFCH.MOND
<b>Creator:</b>	Mondschain, Bruce
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Digital images (5 shots; each shot has a sepia-toned version and a black and white version. ) 10 Photographic prints (5 shots; each shot has a sepia-toned print and a black and white print.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Bruce Mondschain Photographs compiled by Illinois-based photographer Bruce Mondschain are a collection of 5 photographs of Pete Seeger taken at his home in Beacon, NY, on November 3, 2005.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Pete Seeger in Beacon, NY, photographed by Bruce Mondschain.</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Photographs donated by the photographer and his wife, Ellen Mondschain, March 21, 2008.

### Processing Information

Born digital photographs and prints were processed by archivist Stephanie Smith in 2008.

### Preferred Citation

Bruce Mondschain Photographs, Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Bruce Mondschain has been an active photographer in the Chicago area for over 30 years. His work focuses on portraiture and fine arts figure study.

In the fall of 2005, Mondschain was invited to photograph folk singer Pete Seeger at his home in Beacon, NY after writing him a fan letter. Mondschain and his wife Ellen donated five of the photographs to the Center of Folklife and Cultural Heritage in 2008.

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## Scope and Contents

The Bruce Mondschain Photographs are a collection of 5 born digital photographs and corresponding photographic prints of Pete Seeger taken at his home in Beacon, NY, on November 3, 2005. Each photograph (prints and digital files) has a sepia and a black-and-white toned version as prepared by the photographer. The shots include close-up portraits of Seeger, and close-up shots of his hands playing his banjo.

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## Arrangement

Digital files are maintained in the Smithsonian's Digital Asset Management System.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Types of Materials:

- Digital images
- Photographic prints

### Names:

- Seeger, Pete, 1919-2014