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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Rutgers University NEA Jazz Oral History Project
<b>Date:</b>	1971-1984
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0327
<b>Creator:</b>	Albertson, Chris (Interviewer) Barnet, Charlie, 1913-1991 (Interviewee) Bigard, Barney, 1906-1980 (Interviewee) Briggs, Arthur, 1901-1991 (Interviewee) Brown, Lawrence, 1907-1988 (Interviewee) Bunn, Teddy (Theodore Leroy), 1910-1978 (Interviewee) Bushell, Garvin, 1902-1991 (Interviewee) Collier, James Lincoln, 1928- (Interviewer) Crouch, Stanley, 1945-2020 (Interviewer) Dance, Helen Oakley, 1913-2001 (Interviewer) Dance, Stanley, 1910-1999 (Interviewer) Durham, Eddie, 1906-1987 (Interviewee) Duvivier, George, 1920-1985 (Interviewee) Ellington, Mercer Kennedy, 1919-1996 (musician) (Interviewee) Evans, Gil, 1912-1988 (Interviewee) Green, Charles, (Musician), 1919-1997 (Interviewee) Greer, Sonny (William Alexander), 1895-1982 (Interviewee) Hall, Al, 1915-1988 (Interviewee) Hinton, Milt, 1910-2000 (Interviewer) Jackson, Quentin, 1909-1976 (Interviewee) Johnson, Gus, 1913-2000 (Interviewee) Johnston, Helen Armstead (Interviewer) Jones, Jimmy, 1918-1982 (Interviewee) Montgomery, Monk (Interviewer) Nierenberg, George T. (Interviewer) Procope, Russell (1908-1981) (Interviewee) Royal, Marshall, 1912-1995 (Interviewee) Rutgers University. Institute of Jazz Studies (Collector) Terry, Clark (Interviewee) Turner, Joe, 1907-1990 (Interviewee) Tizol, Juan, 1900-1984 (Interviewee) Whaley, Thomas L. (copyist) (Interviewee) Willard, Patricia (Interviewer) Williams, Cootie, 1911-1985 (Interviewee)
<b>Extent:</b>	4.5 Cubic feet (9 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Dan Morgenstern, Institute of Jazz Studies, January 3, 1992.

### Provenance

Original recordings loaned to the Archives Center and duplicated in 1989. Original tapes returned to Rutgers University.

### Location of Originals

Original tapes in possession of Rutgers University.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives Center Staff.

### Preferred Citation

Rutgers University NEA Jazz Oral History Project, 1971-1984, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research but the master tapes are stored off-site and special arrangements must be made to work with it. Contact the Archives Center for information at [archivescenter@si.edu](mailto:archivescenter@si.edu) or 202-633-3270.

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## Scope and Contents

160 7" reel-to-reel audiotapes and 12 transcriptions of 15 oral history interviews with prominent jazz musicians and their professional relationships with Duke Ellington. Tapes are copies of originals held at the at Institute for Jazz Studies, Rutgers University.

Interviewees include Sonny Greer, Russell Procope, Clark Terry, Juan Tizol, Tom Whaley, Cootie Williams, Marshal Royal, Big Joe Turner, Jimmy Jones, Quentin Jackson, Barney Bigard, Charlie Barnet, Lawrence Brown, Red Callender, Al Hibbler, Irving Mills, Ray Nance, and Mercer Ellington.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series

Series 1: Transcripts, 1975-1980

Series 2: Master Tapes

Series 3: Reference Cassette Tapes, 1974-1984

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Jazz -- 1970-2000  
Jazz musicians -- 1970-1990 -- United States  
Music -- 20th century  
Musicians -- 1970-1990 -- United States

### Types of Materials:

Audiotapes -- 1970-1990  
Oral history -- 1970-1990  
Transcripts

### Names:

Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Transcripts, 1975-1980

Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 1	Brown, Lawrence, 1976-07-12
Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 2	Henderson, Horace, 1975-04-09
Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 3	Jones, Jimmy, 1978-01-06
Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 3	Jones, Jimmy, 1978-02-07
Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 4	Whaley, Tom, 1980-03
Box 1 (Series 1), Folder 5	Jackson, Quentin (Interview #1), 1976-06
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 1	Proscope, Russell, 1979-03-06
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 2	Bigard, Barney, 1976-07
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 3	Greer, William "Sonny", 1979
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 4	Jackson, Quentin (Interview #2), 1976-06
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 5	Jackson, Quentin (Interview #3), 1976-06
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 6	Bushell, Garvin (excerpt), 1977-08
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 7	Green, Chuck (excerpt), 1977-09
Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 8	Royal, Marshal, 1977-10-25

Box 2 (Series 1), Folder 9	Bunn, Teddy (excerpt), 1977-04-14
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 1	Williams, Cootie, undated
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 2	Greer, William "Sonny", 1979-01
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 3	Albert, David (excerpt), undated
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 4	Durham, Eddie, 1978-08
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 5	Johnson, Gus (excerpt), 1978-12-27
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 6	Jones, Jimmy, 1977-12-21-1977-12-23
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 7	Hall, Al (excerpt), 1978-11
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 8	Briggs, Arthur, undated
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 9	Evans, Gil (excerpt), undated
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 10	Crawford, Jimmy (excerpt), undated
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 11	Turner, Joe, 1980-05-08
Box 3 (Series 1), Folder 12	Barnet, Charlie, 1978-04-23

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## Series 2: Master Tapes

Box 1	Master Tapes, undated
Box 2	Master Tapes, undated
Box 3	Master Tapes, undated
Box 4	Master Tapes, undated
Box 5	Master Tapes, undated
Box 6	Master Tapes, undated
Box 7	Master Tapes, undated
Box 8	Master Tapes, undated
Box 9	Master Tapes, undated
Box 10	Master Tapes, undated
Box 11	Master Tapes, undated
Box 12	Master Tapes, undated
Box 13	Master Tapes, undated
Box 14	Master Tapes, undated

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## Series 3: Reference Cassettes, 1974-1984

Box 1 (Series 3); Box 2 (Series 3)	Bigard, Barney, 1976-06-23 11 Cassette tapes
Box 1 (Series 3)	Barnet, Charlie, 1978-04-23 11 Cassette tapes
Box 2 (Series 3)	Brown, Lawrence, 1976-07-03 11 Cassette tapes
Box 3 (Series 3)	Calender, George, 1981-08-13 10 Cassette tapes
Box 3 (Series 3); Box 4 (Series 3)	Duvivier, George, 1984-06-29 11 Cassette tapes
Box 4 (Series 3)	Greer, William, 1974-04-22 2 Cassette tapes
Box 4 (Series 3)	Greer, William, 1979-01-15 12 Cassette tapes
Box 5 (Series 3)	Jackson, Quentin, 1976-04-10 and 1976-04-25 14 Cassette tapes
Box 5 (Series 3); Box 6 (Series 3)	Jones, Jimmy, 1977-12-21 and 1977-12-23 14 Cassette tapes
Box 6 (Series 3)	Procopé, Russell, 1974-04-04 2 Cassette tapes
Box 6 (Series 3); Box 7 (Series 3)	Procopé, Russell, 1979-03-06 10 Cassette tapes
Box 7 (Series 3)	Royal, Marshal, 1977-10-25 10 Cassette tapes
Box 7 (Series 3)	Terry, Clark, 1984-12-14 1 Cassette tape
Box 8 (Series 3)	Tizol, Juan, 1978-11-15-1978-11-17 10 Cassette tapes
Box 8 (Series 3);	Turner, Joe, 1980-05-08

Box 9 (Series 3)	10 Cassette tapes
Box 9 (Series 3)	Whaley, Tom, 1979-03-11 12 Cassette tapes
Box 10 (Series 3)	Williams, Cootie, 1976-05-06 4 Cassette tapes
Box 10 (Series 3)	Williams, Cootie, 1976-05-13 7 Cassette tapes

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