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## Guide to the Collection of Duke Ellington Ephemera and Related Audiovisual Materials

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Collection of Duke Ellington Ephemera and Related Audiovisual Materials
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<b>Creator:</b>	Dimmer, Dennis Brown, N.H. Barkin, Stanley Walburn, Jerry Lasker, Steven Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974
<b>Extent:</b>	3.2 Cubic feet (6 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Senor Alejandro Szterenfeld, 1992, March 3, and TV Company TET, through Leonid Goldshteyn, November 5, 2002.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Artificial collection created as a product of the Duke Ellington Oral History Project, 1989-1991.

### Related Archival Materials

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Duke Ellington Collection (AC0301)

### Processing Information

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## Accruals

1 DVD added from James Gillepie, 2018.

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## Biographical Note

Collection evolved as an unexpected product of the Duke Ellington Oral History Project interviews with Ellington band members, associates, family members and friends, conducted by Marcia Greene and Patricia Willard, 1989- 1991.

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## Scope and Contents

Bulletins, programs, broadsides, newsletters, newsclippings, periodicals, photographs, published sheet music and audio and videotapes documenting the life and career of Duke Ellington and the activities of the Ellington Jazz and Music societies.

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## Arrangement

The Collection is divided into six series. Series 1 is arranged alphabetically and Series 2-6 are arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Oral History Project, 1925-1989

Series 2: Newsletters, 1961-1962

Series 3: Programs, 1930-1990

Series 4; Publications, 1938-1988

Series 5; Newsclippings, 1971-1991

Series 6; Miscellaneous Ephemera, 1914-1993

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Jazz
- Music -- 20th century
- Music -- Societies, etc.
- Periodicals

### Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Broadsides

Clippings  
Newsletters -- 20th century  
Oral history  
Photographs -- 20th century  
Programs  
Sheet music  
Video recordings  
Videotapes

Names:

Duke Ellington Society

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## Container Listing

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Box 5	Heinz Czadek Video Cassette of Duke Ellington Orchestra, 1969 - 1970, 1959 September 10 1 Videocassettes (VHS) () Notes: PAL; On label: Berlin, circa 1969-1970; Zurich, 10/9/1959

Box 5 Duke Ellington and Friends, 1973 August  
1 Videocassettes (VHS)  
Notes: On label: Wisconsin Public Television

Box 5 Ellington Orchestra Recorded Live, circa 1947-1949  
1 Sound tape reel (Duration 2 hours, 30 minutes)  
Notes: Reference CD in Box 5  
Paper base, original tape box with tape; Fair sound quality with ambient crowd sounds in background. Vocalists can be clearly heard. The musicians are more difficult to hear.  
The donor, Collin Mulvaney, obtained the tape from Russ Meinke, the sound engineer who recorded a live performance at a dance in Wichita, Kansas. He believes he made the tape sometime between 1947 and 1949. According to secondary sources Ellington was in Kansas in November 1946, October 1947, and January and February 1948. No documents in the Duke Ellington Collection corroborate this information or refer to the Wichita performance.  
The sound quality is fair, with ambient background sounds of the crowd. The lead vocalists were Al Hibbler and Kay Davis.  
Songs include : "Trees"; Unknown blues song; "It Don't Mean a Thing"; "Ornithology"; "How High the Moon"; "Lover Man"; and "Solitude."

Box 5 The Jazz of the Union League Presents: An Evening with Ellington His Music and His Musicians, 2017-05-05  
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