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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Frank Driggs, January 11, 1991.

Ownership and Custodial History

Collection loaned to the Museum by Mr. Driggs, August 11, 1990. Copy prints and negatives were made by the Smithsonian Institution Office of Printing and Photographic Services and the original images were returned to Mr. Driggs, August 2, 1991.

Location of Originals

Copy negatives.

Related Materials

Materials at Other Organizations

Jazz at Lincoln Center

The Frank Driggs Jazz Photograph Collection was acquired by Jazz at Lincoln Center in 2013. The collection also includes posters, sheet music, records and Frank Driggs' personal papers.

Processing Information

Processed by Archives Center staff.

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Photographer and collector.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of 157 8" x 10" black-and-white photographic copy prints of photographs in Frank Driggs's collection: Duke Ellington and his orchestra. Some copy prints have Smithsonian negative numbers.

Arrangement

Collection arranged into ten series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Jazz
Jazz musicians -- United States
Music -- 20th century
Musicians -- United States

Types of Materials:

Copy prints
Photographs -- 20th century
Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1980-2000
Reproductions

Names:

Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974

Container Listing

Series 1: Band Members

- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Freddy Guy -- Washington, D.C., 1923
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Hayes Alvis, Billy Taylor -- Congress Hotel, Chicago, 1935
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Ivie Anderson -- Denver, 1942
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn -- Los Angeles, 1946
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn -- Los Angeles, circa1946
- Box 1, Folder 1 Wallace Jones, Otto Hardwicke, Harry Carney, Barney Bigard, Juan Tizol -- "Saturday Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Cootie Williams, Harry Carney, Lawrence Brown, -- "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Billy Taylor, Ellington Saxes -- "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Rex Stewart, Sonny Greer -- "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Billy Taylor, Barney Bigard, Duke Ellington, Rex Stewart, Joe Nanton, Johnny Hodges, Otto Hardwicke, Fred Guy, Juan Tizol, Ivie Anderson, Wallace Jones, Lawrence Brown, Harry Carney, Sonny Greer -- "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington -- "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Billy Taylor, Rex Stewart, Juan Tizol, Barney Bigard, "Saturday Night Swing Club" broadcast, CBS Radio, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 1 Ellington Orchestra, recording for Master Records,, 1937
- Box 1, Folder 1 Freddy Jenkins, Joe Nanton, Cootie Williams, Arthur Whetsol, Lawrence Brown -- Cotton Club, Harlem, 1933
- Box 1, Folder 1 Joe Nanton, Juan Tizol, Lawrence Brown, 1933
- Box 1, Folder 1 Hayes Alvis, Freddy Guy, Sonny Greer, Billy Taylor -- Congress Hotel, Chicago, 1935
- Box 1, Folder 1 Ellington Saxes, Billy Taylor, Hayes Alvis, 1936
- Box 1, Folder 1 Wallace Jones, Barney Bigard, Joe Nanton -- Neptune Park; Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1939 July

- Box 1, Folder 1 Ellington Saxes, undated
- Box 1, Folder 1 Rex Stewart, Cootie Williams, Barney Bigard, Joe Nanton, Johnny Hodges, Juan Tizol -- Savoy Ballroom, New York, 1940
- Box 1, Folder 1 Barney Bigard, Johnny Hodges -- private railroad car, 1940
- Box 1, Folder 1 Sonny Greer -- private railroad car, 1940
- Box 1, Folder 1 Ben Webster, Otto Hardwicke, Harry Carney, Freddy Guy, 1940
- Box 1, Folder 1 Junior Raglin, Ray Nance -- Lakeside Park, Denver, 1942
- Box 1, Folder 1 Joe Nanton, Juan Tizol, Lawrence Brown, Ben Webster, Chauncey Haughton, Otto Hardwicke, Johnny Hodges, Harry Carney -- Lakeside Park, Denver, 1942
- Box 1, Folder 1 Taft Jordon, Shelton Hemphill, Francis Williams, Bernard Flood, Cat Anderson, Wilbur De Paris, Claude Jones, Lawrence Brown -- Pittsburgh, 1946
- Box 1, Folder 1 Jimmy Hamilton, Russell Procope, Harry Carney, Claude Jones, Harold Barer, Lawrence Brown, circa 1945-1946
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Al Hibbler, 1947
- Box 1, Folder 1 Duke Ellington, Al Killian, Charlie Rouse, Harold Baker, circa 1950
- Box 1, Folder 1 Jimmy Hamilton, Louis Bellson, Willie Smith, Harold Baker -- Oshkosh, Wisconsin, 1951
- Box 1, Folder 1 Johnny Hodges, Russell Procope -- Newport Jazz Festival; Newport, Rhode Island, 1956 July

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- Box 1, Folder 2 Duke Ellington -- Randall's Island Jam Session, New York, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 2 Duke Ellington, Hayes Alvis, Billy Taylor, Otto Hardwicke, Freddie Jenkins, Johnny Hodges, Freddy Guy -- Randall's Island Jazz Festival, 1938 May
- Box 1, Folder 2 Duke Ellington, Junior Raglin -- Denver, 1942
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Box 1, Folder 3	(L-R): Earl Tucker, Juan Tizol, Arthur Whetsol, Ivie Anderson, Joe Nanton, Harry Carney, Wellman Braud, Otto Hardwicke, Duke Ellington, Freddy Guy, Freddie Jenkins, Barney Bigard, Johnny Hodges, Lawrence Brown, Sonny Greer -- Paramount Studios, Hollywood, 1934
Box 1, Folder 3	Joe Nanton, Barney Bigard, Johnny Hodges, Freddy Guy, Billy Taylor, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Otto Hardwicke, Rex Stewart, Ivie Anderson, Sonny Greer, 1936
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- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, unidentified, 1934
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- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, Irving Mills, Percy Grainger, 1935
- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington and friend escorted to ballroom, circa 1933
- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, 5 unidentified women, undated
- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, unidentified group, 1930 June
- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, unidentified woman, (Possibly Hazel Scott?), undated
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- Box 1, Folder 5 Duke Ellington, unidentified couple, 1940s
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| Box 1, Folder 7 | Duke Ellington, Ivie Anderson, Walter Fuller, Lois Deppe -- Grand Terrace Cafe, Chicago, 1941 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Teddy Wilson, Hazel Scott, Mel Powell -- Cafe Society Uptown, New York, circa 1941 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Duke Ellington, Teddy Wilson, Orson Welles, Cab Calloway -- Cafe Society, New York, 1943 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, c. 1945. (Most likely Esquire Concert in Los Angeles) |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Louis Armstrong -- RCA Victor session, 1946 June |
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- Box 1, Folder 9 (L-R) Duke Ellington, Freddy Guy, Junior Raglin, Ben Webster, Sonny Greer, Johnny Hodges, Joe Nanton, Jimmy Hamilton, Wallace Jones, Juan Tizol, Harold Baker, Al Sears -- Hurricane Club, New York,, 1943
- Box 1, Folder 9 (L-R) Sonny Greer, Duke Ellington, Wallace Jones, Joe Nanton, Harold Baker, Ben Webster, Ray Nance, Juan Tizol, Rex Stewart, Johnny Hodges, Lawrence Brown, unidentified, Eddie Barefield, Harry Carney -- Hurricane Club, New York, 1943
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- Box 1, Folder 9 Duke Ellington, Charlie Barnett, Battle of the Bands -- Los Angeles, 1945
- Box 1, Folder 9 Al Sears, Duke Ellington, Johnny Hodges, Taft Jordan, Jimmy Hamilton, Harold Baker, Frank Williams, Russell Procope, Harry Carney -- Musicraft Records, New York, 1946 March
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- Box 1, Folder 9 Duke Ellington, Sonny Greer, Wendell Marshall, Al Killian, Ben Webster, Harold Baker, Johnny Hodges, Shelton Hemphill, Tyree Glenn, Jimmy Hamilton, Francis Williams, Quentin Jackson, Russell Procope, Ray Nance, Harry Carney, Lawrence Brown -- Hollywood Empire, Los Angeles, 1949
- Box 1, Folder 9 Duke Ellington, Paul Gonsalves, Jimmy Hamilton, Jimmy Woode, Johnny Hodges, Quentin Jackson, Russell Procope, Harry Carney, Britt Woodman, Cat Anderson, Ray Nance -- First Connecticut Jazz Festival, 1956-07-28
- Box 1, Folder 9 Ellington Orchestra -- Newport Jazz Festival; Newport, Rhode Island, 1956 July
- Box 1, Folder 9 Wilbur Sweatman Orchestra, March 5, 1923
- Box 1, Folder 9 Jefferson, Ralph Escudero, Duke Ellington, Wilbur Sweatman, Sonny Greer, John Anderson, Otto Hardwicke -- Lafayette Theater, New York, 1923 April

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- Box 1, Folder 9 Freddy Jenkins, Wellman Braud, Cootie Williams, Harry Carney, Arthur Whetsol, Johnny Hodges, Juan Tizol, Joe Nanton, Barney Bigard, Sonny Greer, Fred Guy, Duke Ellington -- Oriental Theater, Chicago, 1931
- Box 1, Folder 9 Wellman Braud, Joe Nanton, Juan Tizol, Otto Hardwicke, Lawrence Brown, Harry Carney, Sonny Greer, Cootie Williams, Johnny Hodges, Duke Ellington, Arthur Whetsol, Barney Bigard, Freddie Jenkins, Freddy Guy -- Cotton Club, Harlem, 1932
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- Box 1, Folder 9 (L-R) Barney Bigard, Joe Nanton, Marshall Royal, Sonny Greer, Juan Tizol, Johnny Hodges, Lawrence Brown, Duke Ellington, Arthur Whetsol, Harry Carney, Freddie Jenkins, Freddy Guy, Wellman Braud, 1934
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- Box 1, Folder 9 Duke Ellington, Sonny Greer, Joe Nanton, Harry Carney, Otto Hardwicke, Freddy Guy, Juan Tizol, Rex Stewart, Barney Bigard, Lawrence Brown, Johnny Hodges, 1938
- Box 1, Folder 9 (L-R) Freddie Jenkins, Joe Nanton, Cootie Williams, Juan Tizol, Arthur Whetsol, Duke Ellington, Sonny Greer, Harry Carney, Freddy Guy, Johnny Hodges, Wendall Braud, Barney Bigard -- Oriental Theater, Chicago, 1931
- Box 1, Folder 9 (L-R) Juan Tizol, Joe Nanton, Duke Ellington, Cootie Williams, Freddie Jenkins, Freddy Guy, Harry Carney, Arthur Whetsol, Barney Bigard, Wendall Braud, 1933
- Box 1, Folder 9 Joe Nanton, Juan Tizol, Lawrence Brown, Freddy Guy, Johnny Hodges, Barney Bigard, Duke Ellington, Sonny Greer, Ben Webster, Otto Hardwicke, Jimmy Blanton, Harry Carney, Wallace Jones, Rex Stewart, Ray Nance -- Oriental Theater, Chicago, 1940
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Series 10: Sacred Concert

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(L-R) Joe Benjamin, Cootie Williams, Harry Carney, unidentified, Duke Ellington, Mercer Ellington, unidentified, Russell Procope, Tom Whaley, Harold Johnson, Norris Turney, Ray Nance, Harold Ashby, Rufus Jones -- St. Paul's Cathedral, Toronto, 1972

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