Guide to the Naomi Huber Brown Papers
(Documenting Duke Ellington's Concert Tour of Asia)

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Naomi Huber Brown Papers (Documenting Duke Ellington's Concert Tour of Asia)
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0429
Date: 1960-1963.
Extent: 0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator: Brown, Naomi Huber
Language: English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Processing Information
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Biographical Note
Naomi Huber Brown was the United States Foreign Service officer that was responsible for the administration of Duke Ellington's State Department tour of the Middle East and Asia in 1963. Her duties
included scheduling travel and making arrangements for the members of the Ellington Orchestra, and the
distribution of appropriate currencies to the band members as they toured each country.

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**Scope and Contents**

The Naomi Huber Brown Papers contain black and white photographs, correspondence, business
contracts, travel itineraries, list of band members, newspaper reviews, a concert program and Brown's
personal diary documenting Duke Ellington's 1963 State Department tour of the Middle East and Asia. The
material is arranged alphabetically. Of particular interest is a program from a November 1 and 3 Karachi,
Pakistan concert, and photographs autographed by Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Isaac Stern.

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**Arrangement**

Collection is arranged into one series.

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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 -- 1960-1970 -- United States
- Jazz musicians -- 1960-1970 -- United States
- Music -- 20th century -- United States

**Types of Materials:**
- Business records -- 1950-2000
- Notes -- 1960-1970
- Photographs -- 1960-1970

**Names:**
- Armstrong, Louis, 1900-1971
- Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974

**Geographic Names:**
- Asia -- Concerts -- 1960-1970
Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1  Autographed Album Cover for 'Afro Bossa”, 1963

Box 1, Folder 2  Concert Contracts, 1960-10-19

Box 1, Folder 3  Concert Program, Karachi, Pakistan, 1963-11-01

Box 1, Folder 4  Concert Review from Saturday Review, 1963-07-27

Box 1, Folder 5  Correspondence, 1963-10-05-1963-12-26

Box 1, Folder 6  Diary (spiral-bound notebook), 1963

Box 1, Folder 7  Itinerary for the Near East Tour, 1963-09-1963-10

Box 1, Folder 8  Orchestra Member List, 1963-07

Box 1, Folder 9  Personal Notes, undated

Box 1, Folder 10  Photographs, undated
Includes images of: Armstrong, Louis; Brown, Lawrence; Brown, Naomi; Cage, John; Carney, Harry; Ellington, Duke; Shaw, Robert; Shepard, Earl; Stern, Issac; and West, Randy

Box 1, Folder 11  Travel Activities Checklists, 1963