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## Guide to the Don Brown Collection of Duke Ellington Recordings

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Don Brown Collection of Duke Ellington Recordings
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0472
<b>Date:</b>	1925-1973.
<b>Extent:</b>	39 Boxes
<b>Creator:</b>	Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974 Brown, Don, 1923-1985
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was purchased from Brown's widow Darlene Brown in 1992.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Rueben Jackson, 2003

### Preferred Citation

Don Brown Collection of Duke Ellington Recordings, 1925-1973, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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Collection open for research.

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## Biographical Note

Disc jockey, musician, owner of a record store, published a newsletter called *Record Finder* 1956-1977.

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## Scope and Contents

Nine hundred twenty-eight recordings by Duke Ellington's orchestra, of which seven hundred ninety-six were commercially issued, and one hundred thirty-two unissued, which are studio test pressings, concert recordings and recordings done from radio and television broadcasts.

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## Arrangement

1 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:

- Concerts
- Jazz
- Radio broadcasts
- Television broadcasting of music

Types of Materials:

- Audiocassettes
- Audiotapes -- Open reel
- Sound recordings -- Phonograph records -- Discs
- Test pressings

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## Container Listing

Series 1: Audio Recordings

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## Series 2: Books and Papers

*16 Cubic feet (41 boxes)*

Box 39, Folder 1	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 1, 1925-1931
Box 39, Folder 2	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 4, 1943-1944
Box 39, Folder 3	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 5, 1945-1946
Box 39, Folder 4	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 6, 1946
Box 39, Folder 5	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 7, 1947-1950
Box 39, Folder 6	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 8, 1951-1952
Box 39, Folder 7	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 9, 1953-1955
Box 39, Folder 8	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, 1956-1957
Box 40, Folder 1	Duke Ellington's Story on Records , 1958-1959
Box 40, Folder 2	Duke Ellington's Story on Records , 1960-1962
Box 40, Folder 3	Duke Ellington's Story on Records , 1963-1965
Box 40, Folder 4	Duke Ellington's Story on Records , 1966-1967
Box 40, Folder 5	Duke Ellington's Story on Records , 1956-1957
Box 40, Folder 6	Duke Ellington's Story on Records, Volume 1, 1923-1936
Box 40, Folder 7	General Catalog of Duke Ellington's Recorded Music, undated
Box 40, Folder 8	Duke Ellington on tape, San Filipo listings, undated
Box 40, Folder 9	Ellington research, undated
Box 40, Folder 10	Ellington, undated
Box 40, Folder 11	The Directory of Duke Ellington's Recordings, undated
Box 40, Folder 12	Reel-to-reel content listings, undated

Box 41, Folder 1      An auction by G. Debroe, undated

Box 41, Folder 2      Ellington research, undated

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