Guide to the Don Brown Collection of Duke Ellington Recordings

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Collection Overview

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

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

Restrictions on Access
Collection open for research.

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Biographical Note
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.

Arrangement

1 series.

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
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