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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	John-Manuel Andriote <i>Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco</i> Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1184
<b>Date:</b>	1976-2001
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 cubic feet (5 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Andriote, John-Manuel
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	John-Manuel Andriote interviewed several individuals and entertainers involved with the disco era for his book, <i>Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco</i> . This collection contains his interview tapes, transcripts, and materials related to the research and writing of his book.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by John-Manuel Andriote in 2009.

### Related Materials

AC1146 Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT) Collection, 1953-2010; AC1128 John-Manuel Andriote Victory Deferred Collection, 1901-2008; AC0491 Ernie Smith Jazz Film Collection; Researcher may also be interested in the American Music Collections.

### Other Finding Aids

[Inventory](#) available.

### Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

In the introduction to his book, *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco*, John-Manuel Andriote writes about disco's popularity during its heyday in the late 1970s and its continuing popularity: "For everyone, getting down was the only thing that mattered on a Saturday night. One of the unique social forces of disco, in fact, was its ability to bring together gay and straight, black and white, like no other popular music before it. People of all colors and orientations united in the name of Fun... It seems safe to say that after two decades of 'just say no'-- to drugs, unsafe sex, cigarettes, and cholesterol -- a lot of restless people are ready for the 'good times' that disco helped to create and celebrate. It's clear that millions of people throughout the world still agree that the music whose only purpose was to get your spirits up and to help you get down is the only music for dancing." [1] *Hot Stuff* chronicles disco from its beginnings through its reemergence in the late 1990s.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of interviews and material collected by Andriote in researching and writing his book, *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco*, published by HarperCollins in 2001. Included are recorded and transcribed interviews that Andriote conducted with entertainers and others involved in the disco era. The transcribed interviews do not include the interview with Victor Omelcenko and Carl Uruski. The creator's original order and topic designations were maintained: span dates reflect the dates of the materials contained within the folder.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged in three series.

Series 1, Audio Materials, 1977-1999 Subseries 1, Original Interview Audio Cassettes, 1998-1999 Subseries 2, Transcripts of Interviews, 1999 Subseries 3, Soundtracks and Original Soundtrack and Music

Compact Discs, 1977-1998 Series 2, *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco* Bound Galley, Manuscript Draft, and Correspondence, 1999-2001 Series 3, Collected Reference Material, 1976-2001

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## Footnotes

Andriote, John-Manuel, *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco*, pages 1-4, New York, New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2001.

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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:

- Dance music
- Disco music
- Disco musicians
- Music -- 20th century -- United States
- Nightclubs
- Popular music

### Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Audio cassettes
- Books
- Compact discs
- Correspondence -- 1980-2000
- Galley proofs
- Interviews -- 1970-2010
- Manuscripts for publication
- Programs
- Transcripts

### Names:

- Holleran, Andrew
- Kalaghan, Maryalice
- Lopez, Bernie
- Misulich, Mike
- Moppert, Will
- Omelcenko, Victor
- Rose, Felipe
- Uruski, Carl
- Village People.
- Ward, Ed, 1948-

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Audio Materials, 1977-1999

#### Subseries 1.1: Original Audio Cassettes, 1999

Box 3	Name, date of interview (number of tapes)
Box 3	Holleran, Andrew, 1999 March 11 (1)
Box 3	Kalaghan, Maryalice, 1999 September 10 (1)
Box 3	Lopez, Bernie, 1998 June 24 (1)
Box 3	Moppert, Will, 1999 September 9 (1)
Box 3	Mass, Larry, 1998 August 8 (1)
Box 3	Omelcenko, Victor and Uruski, Carl, 1998 June 27 (1)
Box 3	Rose, Felipe, 1999 July 7 (1)
Box 3	Ward, Ed, 1998 November 6 (1)

#### Subseries 1.2: Interview Transcripts, 1999

Box 1, Folder 1	Interview transcripts and notes, 1999
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#### Subseries 1.3: Soundtracks and Original Music Compact Discs, 1977-1998

Box 4	<i>Saturday Night Fever: The Original Soundtrack</i> , 1977
Box 4	Village People: <i>Crusin'</i> , 1979
Box 4	Sylvester: <i>The Original Hits</i> , 1989
Box 4	<i>The Best of Village People</i> , 1994
Box 4	<i>Boogie Nights: The Disco Age</i> , 1994
Box 4	<i>Endless Summer: Donna Summer's Greatest Hits</i> , 1994
Box 4	<i>The Best of MFSB: Love is the Message</i> , 1995
Box 4	<i>Pure Disco</i> , 1996
Box 4	<i>Boogie Nights: Music from the Original Music Picture</i> , 1997
Box 4	<i>54: Music from the Original Motion Picture Volume 2</i> , 1998

Box 4

*Saturday Night Fever: Original London Cast Recording, 1998*

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## Series 2: *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco* Bound Galley, Manuscript Draft, and Correspondence, 1999-2001

Box 1, Folder 2	<i>Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco</i> Bound Galley
Box 1, Folder 3	<i>Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco</i> , manuscript, introduction to chapter three, 2001
Box 1, Folder 4	<i>Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco</i> , manuscript, chapter five to chapter seven, 2001
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1999-2001

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## Series 3: Collected Reference Material, 1976-2001

Box 1, Folder 6	"Historic" magazine articles about disco music and culture, 1976-1977
Box 1, Folder 7	"Historic" magazine articles about disco music and culture, 1978 January 7 to 1978 June 26
Box 1, Folder 8	"Historic" magazine articles about disco music and culture, 1978 July 1 to 1979 December 28
Box 1, Folder 9	"Historic" magazine articles about disco music and culture, 1979
Box 1, Folder 10	<i>Billboard 1978 Year End Awards Issue</i> , 1978
Box 2, Folder 1	Articles from or about late 1990s "disco revival", 1996-2001
Box 2, Folder 2	Goldman, Albert: <i>Disco</i> , 1978
Box 2, Folder 3	Villari, Jack and Kathleen Sims Villari: <i>The Official Guide to Disco Steps</i> , 1978
Box 2, Folder 4	Joe, Radcliffe A.: <i>The Business of Disco</i> , 1980
Box 2, Folder 5	<i>The Catalog of Vinyl Dance Music</i> , 2000
Box 2, Folder 6	Musical history/legacy of disco music, 1999-2000
Box 2, Folder 7	Short chronological histories of disco music, 1999
Box 2, Folder 8	Online commentary about disco, 1999
Box 2, Folder 9	Artist biographies A-Y, 1999, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Annotated discographies, 1999
Box 2, Folder 11	"Historic" disco film reviews, 1999
Box 2, Folder 12	Disco (clubs), 1999
Box 5, Folder 1	Oversize newspaper articles, 1999-2000
Box 5	<i>New York Times</i> ad for <i>Saturday Night Fever</i> Broadway Musical, 1999 April 18
Box 5	<i>Saturday Night Fever</i> program from the Broadway musical, 1999

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