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Guide to the John R. Tumpak Big Band Oral History Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	John R. Tumpak Big Band Oral History Collection
Date:	1995-2007
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1215
Creator:	Cecil, Chuck, 1922- (Interviewee) Chiacco, Bob (Interviewee) Childers, Buddy, 1926-2007 (Interviewee) Comstock, Frank (Interviewee) Bernardi, Ernani (Interviewee) Bernhart, Milt, 1926-2004 (Interviewee) Camaratta, Tutti, 1913-2005 (Interviewee) Heidt, Horace, Jr. (Interviewee) Hillman, Roc, 1910- (Interviewee) Jeffries, Herb (Interviewee) Jerome, Henry (Interviewee) Costanzo, Jack, 1922- (Interviewee) Cron, Rosalind (Interviewee) Duncan, Cleveland (Interviewee) Hanna, Jake (Interviewee) Alpert, Trigger, 1916- (Interviewee) Alexander, Van, 1915- (Interviewee) Simon, George Thomas (Interviewee) Shaw, Artie, 1910-2004 (Interviewee) Sheils, Tom (Interviewee) Sesma, Chico (Interviewee) Sevano, Nick (Interviewee) Robertson, Alastair (Interviewee) Schwartz, Peggy (Interviewee) Tracey, Sheila (Interviewee) Tucker, Orrin (Interviewee) Stone, Butch (Interviewee) Tilton, Martha (Interviewee) Starr, Kay (Interviewee) Stevens, Garry (Interviewee) Spear, Sam (Interviewee) Stafford, Jo (Interviewee) LaPorta, John (Interviewee) Kitchens, Mildred (Interviewee) King, Donna (Interviewee) King, Dick (Interviewee) Kahn, Donald, 1918-2008 (Interviewee) Rey, Alvino, 1908-2004 (Interviewee) Pinches, Barbara Knowles (Interviewee) O'Neill, Dolores, 1917- (Interviewee) Miller, Bill (Interviewee) May, Billy (Interviewee) Mandel, Johnny (Interviewee)

Malone, Raymond J. (Interviewee)
Wain, Bea (Interviewee)
Tumpak, John R., 1940- (Donor)
Wilson, Gerald, 1918- (Interviewee)
Whiting, Margaret (Interviewee)
Zarchy, Zeke, 1915-2009 (Interviewee)

Extent: 1 Cubic foot

Language: English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Archives Center by John Tumpak in 2010.

Processing Information

Collection unprocessed.

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Biographical / Historical

Author and journalist on music subjects.

Scope and Contents

Oral history interviews conducted by Tumpak with Big Band figures (listed below), and a set of articles he wrote based on the interviews.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Big band music
- Musicians

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Audio cassettes -- 1990-2000
- Audio cassettes -- 2000-2010
- Interviews -- 1980-2000
- Oral history -- 1990-2000

Names:

- Beneke, Tex
- Kahn, Gus, 1886-1941
- Knowles, Legh
- Leonard, Jack
- Purtill, Maurice
- Sinatra, Frank, 1915-1998