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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Pat and Chuck Bress Jazz Portrait Photographs
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1219
Date: 1984-1990
Extent: 2 Cubic feet (4 boxes)
Creator: Bress, Chuck
Bress, Pat
Language: English
Digital Content: Image(s): Pat and Chuck Bress Jazz Portrait Photographs

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Collection donated by Pat and Chuck Bress in 2011.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Archives Center staff, 2019.

Preferred Citation

Restrictions on Access
Collection is open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Biographical / Historical
Married couple Chuck and Pat Bress worked as photographers, both individually and as a team. Also jazz aficionados, they photographed jazz musicians.
Scope and Contents

Primarily black-and-white photographic prints and photographic negatives created by Pat Bress and Chuck Bress in the late 1980s. The photographs depict jazz musicians and singers performing at two Washington, D.C. night clubs, Charley's Place and Blues Alley, in challenging lighting situations. Also, a box of correspondence and miscellaneous written documents related to the photographers' work and association with jazz figures.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into five series.

Series 1: Textual Materials
Series 2: Photographic negatives and contact sheets
Series 3: Photographic Prints (8 x 10)
Series 4: Photographic Prints (11 x 14)
Series 5: Photographic Prints (16 x 20)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Jazz
- Jazz musicians -- 1970-1990 -- United States
- Nightclubs

Types of Materials:
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1980-1990

Names:
- Blues Alley (Washington, D.C.)
- Charley's Place (Washington, D.C.)
Container Listing

Series 1: Textual Materials

Box 1, Folder 1   Exhibitions
Box 1, Folder 2   Jazz photo book
Box 1, Folder 3   Bill Palmer - writeups for jazz book
Box 1, Folder 4   Jazz club memorabilia
Box 1, Folder 5   Jazz reference material

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Series 2: Photographic Negatives and Contact Sheets

Box 2  Art Farmer/ Benny Golson
Box 2  Nancy Wilson
Box 2  Charlie Byrd, Ernestine anderson
Box 2  Sarah Vaughn
Box 2  Widespread Jazz Orchestra
Box 2  Helen O'Connell
Box 2  Mel Torme, George Shearing
Box 2  Dizzy Gillespie
Box 2  Stan Getz
Box 2  Gerry Mulligan
Box 2  Woody Herman
Box 2  Billy Taylor
Box 2  Wynton Marsalis
Box 2  Buck Hill
Box 2  Maynard Ferguson
Box 2  Jimmy Heath, Roy Hargrove, Ron blake, Slide Hampton, Paquito O'Rivera,
      Gregory Hutchinson , Rodney Whitaker
Box 2  Herbie Mann
Box 2  Tim Eyerman
Box 2  Joe Williams
Box 2  Billy Eckstine
Box 2  Stan Turrentine
Box 2  Ramsey Lewis
Box 2  Chuck Acufine
Box 2  Oscar peterson, Kenny Rankin, Steve Allen
Box 2    Barney Kessel, Herb Ellis, Charlie Byrd
Box 2    Ira Sullivan
### Series 3: Photographic prints (8 x 10)

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Series 4: Photographic Prints (11 x 14)

Box 3, Folder 1   Ernestine Anderson
11 X14 Prints

Ernestine Anderson [black-and-white photoprint], [ca. 1984-1990]
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, unmounted.; 13-3/4" x 10-1/2" image on 14" x
11" paper.)

Image(s): Ernestine Anderson [ca. 1984-1990] [black-and-white photoprint].
Bress, Pat, Photographer
Bress, Pat, Donor
Anderson singing into microphone. Made in either Charlie's Place or Blues
Alley, Washington, D.C.

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Exhibitions Note
Displayed in Archives Center exhibition, "Gift of the Artist:
David Haberstich, curator.

Names:    Blues Alley (Washington, D.C.)
          Charlie's Georgetown (Washington, D.C.)
Topic:    Jazz musicians
          Singers
Genre/    Photographs -- 1980-1990 -- Black-and-white photoprints
Form:     -- Silver gelatin
Culture:  African Americans

Box 3, Folder 2   Ernestine Anderson, Charlie Byrd
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 3   Charlie Byrd
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 4   Charlie Byrd, Herb Ellis, Barney Kessel
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 5   Maynard Ferguson
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 6   Dizzy Gillespie
11 X14 Prints

Dizzy Gillespie [black-and-white photoprint], [ca. 1984-1990]
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, unmounted; 8-7/8" 13-1/4" image on 11" x 14" paper.)

Image(s): Dizzy Gillespie [ca. 1984-1990] [black-and-white photoprint].

Bress, Pat, Photographer
Bress, Pat, Donor
Gillespie playing trumpet.

Local Numbers
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Exhibitions Note

Topic: Jazz musicians
Trumpet
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1980-1990 -- Black-and-white photoprints
Form: -- Silver gelatin
Culture: African Americans

Box 3, Folder 7 Roy Hargrove
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 8 Woody Herman
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Box 3, Folder 9 Buck Hill
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Box 3, Folder 10 Ramsey Lewis
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Box 3, Folder 11 Herbie Mann
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Box 3, Folder 12 Ellis Marsalis
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Box 3, Folder 13 Gerry Mulligan
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Box 3, Folder 17  Stanley Turentine
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Box 3, Folder 18  Sarah Vaughn
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 19  Widespread Jazz Orchestra
11 X14 Prints

Box 3, Folder 20  Wynton Marsalis
11 X14 Prints
Series 5: Photographic prints (16 x 20)

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  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 2  Gerry Mulligan
  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 3  Buck Hill
  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 4  Charlie Byrd
  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 5  Kenny Rankin
  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 6  Mel Torme
  16 x 20 mounted prints

Box 4, Folder 7  Ernestine Anderson
  16 x 20 mounted prints

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