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## Guide to the James Arkatov Collection of Jazz Photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	James Arkatov Collection of Jazz Photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1995-2003
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1229
<b>Creator:</b>	Arkatov, James, 1920- (Donor)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection contains 326 photographs of jazz musicians taken by James Arkatov from 1995 to 2003.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center by James Arkatov in 2011.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Holly Nelson.

### Preferred Citation

James Arkatov Collection of Jazz Photographs, 1995-2003, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

James Arkatov retains copyright. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

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## Biographical / Historical

Arkatov is a Russian-American cellist who began his career performing with the Pittsburgh Symphony in 1938. He later moved on to perform with the San Francisco Symphony, and was the principal cellist in the Indianapolis Symphony and NBC Symphony Orchestra. He founded the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra in 1968. He began photographing musicians early in his career, and later published his works *Masters of Music: Great Artists at Work* (1990) and *Artists: The Creative Personality* (1998).

### Sources

Russell, Maureen. "Highlights from UCLA's Collections: The James Arkatov Photograph Collection." *Ethnomusicology Review*. February 12, 2015. Accessed August 08, 2016. <http://ethnomusicologyreview.ucla.edu/content/highlights-uclas-collections-james-arkatov-photograph-collection>.

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## Scope and Contents

A collection of 326 photographs of musicians, taken by James Arkatov. Most of the photographs are performance shots or were taken in rehearsal. Most were taken at the Jazz Bakery, a non-profit, volunteer-run venue for jazz in Los Angeles; others were taken at the Hollywood Bowl or other venues.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged one 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:

- Jazz
- Jazz musicians
- Jazz musicians -- United States
- Music -- 20th century
- Musicians

Names:

- Abercrombie, John, 1944-
- Alexander, Monty
- Allison, Mose
- Alpert, Herb
- Anderson, Ernestine, 1928-
- Barron, Kenny
- Bellson, Louis
- Beneke, Tex
- Bennett, Tony, 1926-
- BoneSoir
- Brignola, Nick
- Brown, James, 1933-2006
- Brown, Oscar, Jr., 1926-
- Brown, Ray (Jazz musician)
- Bryant, Bobby
- Candoli, Conte, 1927-2001
- Capp, Frank
- Carter, Benny, 1907-2003
- Carter, Regina
- Cavanaugh, Page
- Caymmi, Dori, 1943-
- Chancler, Ndugu
- Charlap, Bill
- Chestnut, Cyrus
- Childs, Billy
- Claxton, William
- Clayton, John

Coleman, George  
Collette, Buddy, 1921-2010  
Colley, Scott  
Copeland, Mark  
Corea, Chick  
Davis, Art, 1934-2007  
Elling, Kurt  
Farmer, Art, 1928-  
Ferguson, Sherman  
Fischer, Clare  
Foster, Gary  
Harold Land Quintet  
Koonse, Larry  
LaBarbara, Joe  
Leuning, Warren  
Leviev, Milcho  
Levy, Lou  
Lewis, Herbie, 1941-2007  
Lincoln, Abbey, 1930 -  
Linden, Hal  
Lovano, Joe  
Lowe, Mundell, 1922-  
Lundy, Carmen  
Magnusson, Bob  
Richie Cole Quartet  
dos Santos, Josias

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Photographs, 1995-2003

Box 1, Folder 1	A-Cavanaugh, 1995-2003
Box 1, Folder 2	Caymmi-Condoli, 1995-2003
Box 1, Folder 3	Copland-Golson, 1995-2003
Box 1, Folder 4	Grappelli-Holland, 1995-2003
Box 2, Folder 1	Holloway-Lundy, 1995-2003
Box 2, Folder 2	Magnus-Payton, 1995-2003
Box 2, Folder 3	Pisano-Sanchez, 1995-2003
Box 2, Folder 4	Sandoval-Tapscott, 1995-2003
Box 2, Folder 5	Taylor-Z, 1995-2003

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