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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Jazz and Big Band Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1388
<b>Date:</b>	1927 - 1966
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 Cubic feet (1 box, 1 map folder)
<b>Creator:</b>	Morrow, Buddy Mooney, Art Timbrell, Tiny, 1917-1992 Stacy, Jess, 1904-1995 Wilson, Teddy, 1912-1986 Glen Gray Band Gabler, Milt Fields, Shep Dick Jurgens James, Harry Horace Heidt Lombardo, Guy, 1902-1977 Kay Kyser Duchin, Eddy, 1909-1951 Goodman, Benny (Benjamin David), 1909-1986 McIntyre, Hal, -1959 Krupa, Gene, 1909-1973 Barron, Blue, 1912-2005 Elman, Ziggy Cohasco, Inc. Cugat, Xavier, 1900-1990
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Jazz and Big Band Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Cohasco, Inc.,Purchase.,2016,ACNMAH 1388; Nonacc. No. pending.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Purchased at auction by the Archives Center from Cohasco, Inc. in 2016.

## Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 235 pieces of music ephemera assembled by an anonymous California musicologist over several decades. The contents include such things as concert ticket stubs; show programs; handbills; publicity stills; record store posters; nightclub souvenirs; autographs; contracts, lobby cards; movie stills; postcards; fan and record industry magazines; sheet music; an oversize RKO theatre owners' advertising book for the 1942 sensation "Syncopation," starring Charlie Barnet, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Gene Krupa, et al; and miscellany such as matchbook covers and novelty promotional pieces. There are just a few letters in the collection. The collection contains materials representing both bands and band members, and individual artists. In many cases, there are only one or a few relevant items. Persons and acts represented include: Ray Anthony, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Barnet, Tex Beneke, Les Brown, Dave Brubeck, Cab Calloway, June Christy, Nat King Cole, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Erroll Garner, Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie, Benny Goodman, Glen Gray, Fletcher Henderson, Woody Herman, Harry James, Louis Jordan, Sammy Kaye, Stan Kenton, Gene Krupa, Kay Kyser, Frankie Laine, Peggy Lee, Guy Lombardo, Vincent Lopez, Jimmy Lunceford, Gordon MacRae, Freddy Martin, Billy May, Johnny Mercer, Glenn Miller, Vaughn Monroe, Gerry Mulligan, Red Norvo, Patti Page, Buddy Rich, Artie Shaw, Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Charlie Spivak, Rudy Vallee, Sarah Vaughan, Fred Waring, Chick Webb, Ted Weems, Lawrence Welk, Paul Whiteman, Margaret Whiting, and Benny Goodman. In other cases, the collection contains an item or items (such as menus) that have been autographed. The collection contains autographs or autographed items for the following: Gene Krupa, Jess Stacy, Teddy Wilson, Blue Barron, Eddie Duchin, Shep Fields, Ziggy Elman, Glen Gray Band, Milt Gabler, Horace Heidt, Dick Jurgens, Kay Kyser, Guy Lombardo, Xavier Cugat, Hal McIntyre, Art Mooney, Buddy Morrow, Harry James and "Tiny" Timbrell.

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## Arrangement

: 1 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:

- Big band music
- Jazz
- Jazz musicians -- United States
- Music -- 20th century
- Musicians
- Popular music

### Types of Materials:

- Contracts
- Handbills
- Magazines (periodicals)
- Matchcovers
- Menus
- Motion picture stills
- Postcards
- Posters
- Programs -- Concerts
- Publicity photographs
- Sheet music
- Signatures (names)
- Tickets

### Names:

- Anthony, Ray, 1922-
- Armstrong, Louis, 1901-1971
- Barnet, Charlie
- Beneke, Tex
- Brown, Les, 1912-2001
- Brubeck, Dave
- Calloway, Cab, 1907-
- Christy, June, 1925-
- Cole, Nat King, 1917-1965
- Dorsey, Tommy, 1905-1956
- Ellington, Duke, 1899-1974
- Fitzgerald, Ella, 1917-1996
- Frankie Laine
- Garner, Erroll
- Getz, Stan, 1927-1991
- Gillespie, Dizzy, 1917-1993
- Gray, Glen, 1906-1963
- Henderson, Fletcher, 1897-1952
- Herman, Woody, 1913-1987
- Jordan, Louis, 1908-1975
- Kaye, Sammy, 1910-1987
- Kenton, Stan
- Lee, Peggy
- Lopez, Vincent, 1894-1975

Lunceford, Jimmie  
MacRae, Gordon  
Martin, Freddy, 1906-1983  
May, Billy  
Mercer, Johnny, 1909-1976  
Miller, Glenn  
Monroe, Vaughn, 1911-1973  
Mulligan, Gerry  
Norvo, Red, 1908-1999  
Page, Patti  
Ray McKinley  
Rich, Buddy  
Shaw, Artie, 1910-2004  
Shore, Dinah, 1917-1994  
Sinatra, Frank, 1915-1998  
Spivak, Charlie  
Vallée, Rudy, 1901-1986  
Vaughan, Sarah, 1924-1990  
Waring, Fred, 1900-1984  
Webb, Chick, 1909-1939  
Weems, Ted  
Welk, Lawrence, 1903-1992  
Whiteman, Paul, 1890-1967  
Whiting, Margaret