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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession documents the production of "The Mississippi: River of Song." Better known as "River of Song," this project combined a television series, radio series, and 2-disc compact disc. The project as a whole explores the richness and vitality of American music at the close of the twentieth century through live performances and intimate discussions with musicians along the course of the Mississippi River. The 4-part television series aired on the Public Broadcasting Service beginning in January 1999. It takes viewers on a musical journey from the headwaters in northern Minnesota to the river's mouth in the Gulf of Mexico, creating a portrait of the American musician along the way. All scenes were shot live on location and feature musicians that represent the regional culture. The 7-part radio series aired on Public Radio International affiliates beginning in January 1999. The radio series is similar in content to the television series and is hosted by Ani DiFranco. The 2-CD set consists of 36 tracks of live recordings from 1995 through 1997. The CDs feature contemporary musicians who have forged their styles out of the rich musical heritage found along the banks of the Mississippi River. The CDs were distributed through Smithsonian Folkways beginning in 1998. Materials in this accession include originals, production masters, archives, narration, sound mixes, distribution copies, and promotional copies. Additional and detailed information about these productions may be found at The River of Song Project website at <http://www.pbs.org/riverofsong/>.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Documentary television programs
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Music -- United States
- Musicians -- United States
- Television -- Production and direction
- Video recordings -- Production and direction

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Compact discs
- Videotapes

Names:

- DiFranco, Ani
- Public Broadcasting Service (U.S.)
- Public Radio International
- Smithsonian/Folkways Recordings

Geographic Names:

- Mississippi River
- Mississippi River Valley

Preferred Titles:

- The Mississippi: River of Song (Radio program : 1999)*
- The Mississippi: River of Song (Television program : 1999)*

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 101: "American Old and New," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, 11/25/1998, Betacam SP
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 101: "American Old and New," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, 11/25/1998, Clone, Digital Betacam
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 101: "American Old and New," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Distribution Copy, Betacam SP
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 102: "Midwestern Crossroads," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Betacam SP
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 102: "Midwestern Crossroads," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Clone, Digital Betacam
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- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 103: "Southern Fusion," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Clone, Digital Betacam
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 104: "Louisiana, Where Music is King," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Betacam SP
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 104: "Louisiana, Where Music is King," PBS Version, TRT 56:46, Clone, Digital Betacam
- Box 1 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 104: "Louisiana, Where Music is King," Locked with New Changes, TRT 56:46, 11/11/1998, Betacam SP
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- Box 2 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Show 1, International Television Version, Archives, 10/22/1999, D-8 Data Cartridge
- Box 2 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Show 1, PBS Version, Final Archives, 12/12/1998, D-8 Data Cartridge
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- Box 2 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Show 4, Television Version, Archives, 1/27/1999, D-8 Data Cartridge

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- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 101, PBS Version, Final Sound Mix, Original, DA113 Digital Tape
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 101, PBS Version, Final Sound Mix, Production Master, 11/23/1998, DAT
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 102, PBS Version, Final Sound Mix, Original, DA113 Digital Tape
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 103, PBS Version, Final Sound Mix, Original, DA113 Digital Tape
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Episode 104, PBS Version, Final Sound Mix, Original, DA113 Digital Tape
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Music Bed for Credits, Home Video Version, 12/3/1998, DA113 Digital Tape
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Shows 1-3, Archives, D-8 Data Cartridge
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Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Promos, Archives, D-8 Data Cartridge

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 1, Final, Production Master, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 2, Production Master, 12/20/1998, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 2, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 3, Production Master, 12/20/1998, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 4, Production Master, 12/20/1998, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 5, Production Master, DAT

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Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 1, Scratch Narration, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 1, Narration, DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 2, Scratch Narration (Newhouse), DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 4, Scratch Narration (Newhouse), DAT

Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 6, Scratch Narration, DAT

- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show (Louisiana), Scratch Narration (Newhouse), DAT
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show (Arkansas/Mississippi), Scratch Narration (Newhouse), DAT
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco Tracks with TC 1, 7/24/1998, DAT
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco Tracks with TC 2, 7/26/1998, DAT
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco, Original Master, RS970M0314, 9/11/1998, DAT 1
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco, Original Master, RS970M0315, 9/11/1998, DAT 2
- Box 3 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco, Original Master, RS970M0316, 9/12/1998, DAT 3
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- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Ani DiFranco, Original Master, RS970M0317, 9/12/1998, DAT 4
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show, Tape A Remix, RS970M0328, DAT
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," John Hartford for River Intro, Cassette Tape
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 1, CD
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- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 5, CD
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 6, CD
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," Radio Show 7, CD

- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," CD Set, Distribution Copy, 2 CDs and Booklet
- Box 4 of 4 "Mississippi: River of Song," CD Set, Selections Only, Promotional Copy, CD