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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Smithsonian Productions
Title: Productions
Dates: 2000-2001
Quantity: 1 cu. ft. (1 record storage box)

Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of audiovisual materials created during the production of "People and Pianos: 300 Years," "Piano 300," and "Piano Grand!." All three productions celebrated the 300th anniversary of the piano. The documentary, "People and Pianos: 300 Years," was filmed in various locations across Europe, the United States and in Japan, and featured experts and craftsmen who traced the evolution of the piano, beginning with its inception in Italy to the digital and electronic technologies of tomorrow. Performances demonstrated how the introduction of the piano influenced the development of music from classical to ragtime to jazz. The broadcast aired on PBS in December 2001. "Piano 300" was a video production that accompanied the 2000 exhibition "Piano 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Pianos." "Piano Grand!" was a 90 minute television performance that complemented the "Piano 300" exhibition. It was hosted by Billy Joel and featured Dave Brubeck, Jerry Lee Lewis, and other renowned pianists. It was co-produced by Maryland Public Television. Materials in this accession include original material, narration, pickups, protection masters, and various versions of the productions.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:
Subjects:
Documentary films
Exhibitions
People and Pianos: 300 Years (Television program : 2001)
Pianists
Piano
Piano -- History
Piano 300 (Video recording : 2000)
Piano Grand! (Television program : 2000)
Piano music
Television programs

Types of Materials:
Audiotapes
Videotapes

Names:
Brubeck, Dave
Joel, Billy.
Lewis, Jerry Lee
Maryland Public Television
Piano 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Pianos (Exhibition) (2000: Washington, D.C.)
Public Broadcasting Service (U.S.)
Container Listing

Box 1


"Piano 300," Narration, DAT

"Piano 300," Dullken and Broadwood, Original Master, 2/10/2000, Tape 1 of 2, DAT

"Piano 300," Padrewski and Erard, Original Master, 2/10/2000, Tape 2 of 2, DAT

"Piano 300," Archive, D-8 cassette

"Piano 300," Dullken and Broadwood," 2/10/2000, Tape 1 of 1, DTRS cassette, DAT

"Piano 300," Titled/Protection Master, 13:30, 2/28/2000, Digital Betacam

"Piano 300," Segment PAL Dub, 13:00, 11/22/2000, Digital Betacam

"Piano Grand!," PBS Pledge Version, Avid Off-line, 92:00, 4/0/2000, VHS

"Piano Grand!," Avid Cut, 4/18/2000, Betacam SP

"Piano Grand!," Pledge Version, Part 1 of 2, 4/24/2000, Betacam SP

"Piano Grand!," Pledge Version, Part 2 of 2, 4/24/2000, Betacam SP

"Piano Grand!," PAL, Digital Betacam

"300 Years of People and Pianos," 56:46, VHS

"People and Pianos: 300 Years," Close-captioned protection master, 56:46, Digital Betacam