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## Collection Overview

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<b>Creator::</b>	Smithsonian Productions
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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of audiovisual materials created during the production of "People and Pianos: 300 Years" and "Piano Grand!," both of which 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 Grand!" was a 90 minute television performance that complemented the 2000 exhibition "Piano 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Pianos." 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 masters, clones, graphics, and various versions of the productions on videotape.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Documentary films
- Exhibitions
- Museum exhibits
- Pianists
- Piano
- Piano -- History
- Piano music
- Television programs

### Types of Materials:

- Documentary films
- Electronic records
- Videotapes

### Names:

- Brubeck, Dave
- Joel, Billy
- Lewis, Jerry Lee
- Maryland Public Television
- Piano 300: Celebrating Three Centuries of People and Pianos (Exhibition) (2000-2001: Washington, D.C.)
- Public Broadcasting Service (U.S.)

### Preferred Titles:

- People and Pianos: 300 Years (Television program : 2001)*
- Piano Grand! (Television program : 2000)*

## Container Listing

### Box 1

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|------------|---|
| Box 1 of 1 | "People and Pianos: 300 Years," Closed Captioned, 56:42, 2/28/2002, Betacam SP                    |
| Box 1 of 1 | "People and Pianos: 300 Years," Closed Captioned, 56:46, 1/20/2002, Betacam SP                    |
| Box 1 of 1 | "People and Pianos: 300 Years," Closed Captioned Master, 56:46, 10/16/2001, Betacam SP            |
| Box 1 of 1 | "Piano Grand!," Pledge Version, Clone, 91:16, 8/31/2009, Betacam SP                               |
| Box 1 of 1 | "Piano Grand!," PMAI Logo Background, High-definition Graphics Transfer, Master, 4/24/2000, HDCAM |