

1983 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

AFC 1983/009

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Collection Summary

Collection Number: AFC 1983/009

Title: 1983 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1983

Location: Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Extent (Manuscripts): 9 folders

Extent (Sound Recordings): 13 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, double track, mono. ; 10 in.

Extent (Graphic Images): 233 photographs : black and white, negatives

Extent (Graphic Images): 130 slides : color

Extent (Graphic Images): 20 photographic prints : black and white, color; various sizes

Creator: American Folklife Center

Languages: Armenian, English, Mon-Khmer, and Spanish

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/2004695154>

Summary: The collection consists of manuscript materials, sound recordings, and photographs documenting the performance of blues music, Cambodian classical dance, bluegrass music, country-western music, Armenian music, cowboy songs, Piedmont country blues music and buck (step) dance, and country blues music recorded live outdoors on Neptune Plaza in front of the Library of Congress.

Scope and Content

The 1983 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection consists of manuscript and print materials, audio recordings, and graphic materials that document the 1983 concert series sponsored by the American Folklife Center. The annual series, which began in 1977, features the presentation of folk traditions from many cultures. The concerts take place on the Neptune Plaza at the front of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress between May and September. Adverse weather conditions sometimes force the concerts indoors. The 1983 series was produced with the assistance of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

The 1983 season consisted of the following:

| Date | Performers | Place of Origin | Subject |
|--------------|---|------------------------|---|
| April 21 | John Jackson and James Jackson | Virginia | Blues music |
| May 13 | Khmer Classical Ballet | Maryland | Cambodian music and dance |
| May 19 | Grass Reflections | Virginia | Bluegrass music |
| June 3 | The Deseret String Band | Utah | Western music |
| June 16 | Leo Sarkisian | District of Columbia | Armenian music |
| July 21 | Glenn Ohrlin | Arkansas | Cowboy music |
| August 18 | "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman | North Carolina | Country blues music and buck dancing |
| September 15 | Country Edd Michael and his group | Virginia | Country blues fiddle music |

Administrative History

Documentation created and accessioned by the American Folklife Center in 1983.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Holeman, John Dee

Holloway, Quentin

Jackson, James, 1961-
Jackson, John, 1924-2002
Michael, Edd
Ohrlin, Glenn, 1926-2015
Sarkisian, Leo, 1921-

Organizations

American Folklife Center
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress)
Deseret String Band
Grass Reflections (Musical group)
Khmer Classical Dance Troupe
National Council for the Traditional Arts

Subjects

African Americans--North Carolina--Music.
African Americans--Virginia--Music.
Armenian Americans--Washington, D.C.--Music.
Bluegrass music--1981-1990.
Blues (Music)--1981-1990.
Cambodian Americans--Maryland--Music.
Country music.
Cowboys--West (U.S.)--Songs and music
Dance music--Cambodia.
Dance music--North Carolina.
Dance--Cambodia.
Dance--North Carolina.
Fiddle tunes.
Folk music--Armenia.
Folk music--United States.
Frontier and pioneer life--United States--Music.
Hand-clapping music--North Carolina.
Old-time music.
String band music--Utah.

Titles

American Folklife Center concert, 1983

Form/Genre

Color slides.
Concerts.
Manuscripts.
Photographic prints.
Sound recordings.

Access

Listening and viewing access to the collection is unrestricted. Duplication of the materials requires prior permission of the Center and may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

Preferred Citation

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Collection Concordance by Format

| Quantity | Physical Extent | Item Numbers |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Manuscript Materials | | |
| 2 | boxes | FOLDERS 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 |
| Sound Recordings | | |
| 13 | 10" DT mono reels at 7.5 ips | RWA 5526-5527 RWA 5725 RWA 5729 RWA 5869 RWA 5875-5876 RWA 6290-6291 RWA 6445-6446 RWA 6448-6449 |
| Graphic Images | | |
| 233 | black-and-white negatives | ENVELOPES 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 14 |
| 8 | black-and-white contact sheets | FOLDERS 3-6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17 |
| 6 | 8x10 black-and-white photographic prints | FOLDERS 3-6, 10, 12, 14 |
| 1 | 5x7 black-and-white photographic prints | FOLDER 8 |
| 14 | 3x5 color photographic prints | FOLDERS 3-6, 18 |
| 130 | color slides | ENVELOPES 2, 4-5, 7, 10-11, 12-13 |

Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Collection Inventory

Container

Contents

Series I: MANUSCRIPTS

Publicity and Administration

| | |
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| FOLDER 1 | Archive of Folk Culture Administrative Materials. The collection guide (this document) and an article about the concert series. |
| FOLDER 2 | John Jackson and James Jackson, 4-21-83. Identification of people in photographs and biographical sketch. |
| FOLDER 4 | Khmer Classical Dance, 5-13-83. Two documents listing photo credits. |
| FOLDER 7 | Grass Reflections, 5-19-83. Press releases and identification of people in photographs. |
| FOLDER 9 | Deseret String Band, 6-3-83. Press releases, band biography, and brochure on the band. |
| FOLDER 11 | Leo Sarkisian, 6-16-83. Identification of band members by instrument (including dancer). |
| FOLDER 13 | Glenn Ohrlin, 7-21-83. Press releases and biographical sketch. |
| FOLDER 15 | "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman, 8-18-83. Press releases and biographical sketch. |
| FOLDER 17 | Country Edd Michael and his group, 9-15-83. One press release and biographical sketch. |

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

Reel-to-reel Audio Tapes

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|---------------|---|
| RWA 5526-5527 | John Jackson and James Jackson, 4-21-83. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 5725 | Khmer Classical Dance, 5-13-83. One 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 5729 | Grass Reflections, 5-19-83. One 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 5869 | Deseret String Band, 6-3-83. One 10" inch DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 5875-5876 | Leo Sarkisian, 6-16-83. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 6290-6291 | Glenn Ohrlin, 7-21-83. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| RWA 6445-6446 | "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman, 8-18-83. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

| Container | Contents |
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| RWA 6448-6449 | Country Edd Michael and his group, 9-15-83. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Negatives

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|-------------|---|
| ENVELOPE 1 | John Jackson and James Jackson, 4-21-83. Two sheets of black and white 35 mm (74 images). |
| ENVELOPE 3 | Khmer Classical Dance, 5-13-83. One sheet of black and white 35 mm (29 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |
| ENVELOPE 6 | Grass Reflections, 5-19-83. One sheet of black and white 35 mm (28 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |
| ENVELOPE 8 | Deseret String Band, 6-3-83. One sheet of black and white 35 mm (17 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |
| ENVELOPE 9 | Leo Sarkisian, 6-16-83. One sheet of black and white 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |
| ENVELOPE 14 | "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman, 8-18-83. Two sheets of black and white 35mm (49 images). Photographer unknown. |

Photographic Prints

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| FOLDER 3 | John Jackson and James Jackson, 4-21-83. Two black and white 35 mm contact sheets (74 images). Photographed by Victoria Westover. |
| FOLDERS 3-6 | Khmer Classical Dance, 5-13-83. One black and white 35 mm contact sheet (29 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs), 13 3 x 5 color photoprints (seven photographed by Mr. Jasuinias, six by an unknown photographer, possibly Mr. Jasuinias), and three 8 x 10 black and white photoprints (two photographed by Beverly Orr, one photographed by John T. Gibbs.) |
| FOLDER 8 | Grass Reflections, 5-19-83. Grass Reflections, 5-19-83. One black and white 35 mm contact sheet (28 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs) and one 5 x 7 black and white photoprint (photographer unknown). |
| FOLDER 10 | Deseret String Band, 6-3-83. One black and white 35 mm contact sheet (17 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs) and one 8 x 10 black and white photoprint (photographed by Carol Edison). |
| FOLDER 12 | Leo Sarkisian, 6-16-83. One black and white 35 mm contact sheet (36 images) and one 8 x 10 black and white photoprint. Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |
| FOLDER 14 | Glenn Ohrlin, 7-21-83. One 8 x 10 black and white photoprint. Photographer unknown. |
| FOLDER 16 | "Fris" Holloway and John Dee Holeman, 8-18-83. Two black and white contact sheets (49 images). Photographer unknown. |
| FOLDER 18 | Country Edd Michael and his group, 9-15-83. One 3 x 5 color photoprint. Photographer unknown. |

Color Slides

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|---------------|--|
| ENVELOPE 2 | John Jackson and James Jackson, 4-21-83. One tray containing 16. Photographed by Victoria Westover. |
| ENVELOPES 4-5 | Khmer Classical Dance, 5-13-83. Two trays containing a total of 35. Photographed by John T. Gibbs. |

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Container

Contents

ENVELOPE 7

Grass Reflections, 5-19-83.

One tray containing 19. Photographed by John T. Gibbs.

ENVELOPES 10-11

Leo Sarkisian, 6-16-83.

Two trays containing a total of 28. Photographed by John T. Gibbs.

ENVELOPES 12-13

Glenn Ohrlin, 7-21-83.

Two trays containing a total of 32. Photographer unknown.

Appendix A: Dance Content

Concert

Khmer Classical Ballet

Description

The group consists of former members of the Cambodian Royal Classical Khmer Ballet who became refugees and eventually were relocated to Wheaton, MD. Performance features four short theater pieces (without stories). Rich Kennedy of the National Council for the Traditional Arts narrates the performance. Sound recording notes: folder 4; photographs and slides: folder 5, envelope 5; sound recording: RWA 5725. See also 9-31-81 concert.

Leo Sarkisian

Documentation of Armenian folk dance is minimal. Photographs: folder 12. See also 5-8-80 concert.

"Fris" Holloway and John Dee
Holeman

Piedmont Blues musicians and buck dancers. The men take turns dancing and hand clapping ("patting juba," "hand jiving," "hamboning") for each other. Print material: folder 15; photographs: folder 16; sound recordings: RWA 6445-46.