

1986 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

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Collection Summary

Collection Number: AFC 1986/037

Title: 1986 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1986

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

Extent (Manuscripts): 11 folders

Extent (Sound Recordings): 24 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 and 15 ips, double track, stereo. ; 10 in.

Extent (Graphic Images): 10 photographic prints : black and white

Extent (Graphic Images): 315 photographs : negatives, black and white

Extent (Graphic Images): 408 slides : color

Creator: American Folklife Center

Languages: English, Armenian, Chinese, Malinka, Polish, and Spanish

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Summary: Manuscript materials, sound recordings, photographs, and color slides documenting the performance of bluegrass music, blues music, Armenian music, Senegalese music and dance, Irish music, country music, gospel music, Chinese traditional music and modern compositions, Caribbean music, and Polish music and dance celebrating the Harvest Festival from several regions in Poland. Most concerts were recorded live outdoors on Neptune Plaza in front of the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress. The concert of Chinese music was recorded in the Coolidge Auditorium, Library of Congress. The May 22 concert was held in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Neptune Plaza Concert Series. Concerts were held from April through September 1986, sponsored by the American Folklife Center and the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

Scope and Content

The 1986 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection consists of manuscript and print materials, audio recordings, and graphic materials that document the 1986 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 1986 series was produced with the assistance of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

The 1986 season consisted of the following:

Date	Performers	Place of Origin	Subject
April 24	Byron Berline, Dan Crary, and John Hickman	California	Bluegrass music
May 1	John Jackson and James Jackson	Virginia	Blues music
May 22	Tenth Anniversary Concert: Leo Sarkisian and group; The Johnson Mountain Boys	District of Columbia; Virginia	Armenian music; Bluegrass music
June 5	Djimo Kouyate African Griot Tradition	District of Columbia	Senegalese music
June 19	The Irish Tradition	Maryland	Irish music
July 17	The Blue Ridge Mountain Boys String Band	Virginia	Old-time music
August 7	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony	District of Columbia	Gospel music
August 21	Chinese Traditional and Folk Music	Maryland	Chinese music
September 18	María y sus Magníficos	District of Columbia	Caribbean music
September 25	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski	District of Columbia	Polish music

Administrative History

Documentation created and accessioned by the American Folklife Center in 1984.

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

Berline, Byron
Brzostowski, Tom
Crary, Dan
Hickman, John
Jackson, James, 1961-
Jackson, John, 1924-2002
Kouyate, Djimo
Liang, David Mingyue, 1941-
Pan, Huizhu
Sarkisian, Leo, 1921-
Tang, Liangshan
Williams-Jones, Pearl, 1931-1991
Yeh, Chen-Feng

Organizations

American Folklife Center
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress)
Blue Ridge Mountain Boys (Musical group)
Dawne Tańce Ensemble
Irish Tradition (Musical group)
Johnson Mountain Boys
Kings of Harmony (Brass ensemble)
María y sus Magníficos (Musical group)
National Council for the Traditional Arts

Subjects

African Americans--Music.
Armenian Americans--Music.
Bluegrass music--1981-1990.
Bluegrass music--California.
Bluegrass music--Virginia.
Blues (Music)--1981-1990.
Blues (Music)--Piedmont (U.S. : Region)
Blues (Music)--Virginia.
Chinese--United States--Music.
Country music.
Dance--Africa, West.
Dance--Senegal.
Folk dancing--Poland.
Folk music--Armenia.
Folk music--China.
Folk music--Ireland.
Folk music--Poland.
Folk music--United States.

Gospel music--Washington (D.C.)
 Irish Americans--Music.
 Kora music--Senegal.
 Music--Caribbean Area.
 Music--Senegal.
 Old-time music--Virginia.
 Polish Americans--Music.
 String band music--Virginia.

Titles

American Folklife Center concert, 1986

Form/Genre

Color slides.
 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.

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Collection Concordance by Format

Quantity	Physical Extent	Item Numbers
Manuscript Materials		
3	boxes	FOLDERS 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21
Sound Recordings		
18	10" DT stereo reels at 15 ips	RWB 2960-2962 [AFS 24234-24236] RWB 2963-2964 [AFS 24237-24238] RWB 3329-3332 [AFS 24295-24298] RWB 3045-3047 [AFS 24253-24255] RWB 3040-3042 [AFS 24256-24258] RWB 3325-3327 [AFS 24291-24293]
6	10" DT stereo reels at 7.5 ips	RWB 3328 [AFS 24294] RWB 3320 [AFS 24286] RWB 3323-3324 [AFS 24289-24290] RWB 3321-3322 [AFS 24287-24288]
Graphic Images		
441	black-and-white negatives	ENVELOPES 1, 5, 8, 18, 22, 28
32	black-and-white contact sheets	FOLDERS 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15-16, 18, 20, 22-23
10	8x10 black-and-white photographic prints	FOLDERS 3, 7, 9, 11, 15-16
408	color slides	ENVELOPES 2-4, 6-7, 9-15, 16-17, 19-20, 21, 23-25, 26, 27, 29-33

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	
FOLDER 1	Archive of Folk Culture Administrative Materials. The collection guide (this document), an article about the concert series, and posters for the 1986 concert season.
FOLDER 2	Berline, Crary, and Hickman, 4-24-86. Press releases, fliers, news clippings, administrative correspondence, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 4	John Jackson and James Jackson, 5-1-86. Press releases, fliers, news clippings, and identification of people in photographs. Includes material on James "Son" Thomas, who was originally scheduled to play on this date but was unable to due to an accident.
FOLDER 6	Tenth Anniversary Concert, 5-22-86. Press releases, fliers, pamphlets, news clippings, a schedule of events for the tenth anniversary celebration and symposium, a brochure on the Johnson Mountain Boys, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 8	Djimo Kouyate, 6-5-86. Press releases, fliers, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 10	Irish Tradition, 6-19-86. Press releases, fliers, news clippings, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 12	Blue Ridge Mountain String Band, 7-17-86. Press releases and fliers.
FOLDER 14	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony, 7- 8-86. Press releases, fliers, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 17	Chinese Traditional and Folk Music, 8-21-86. Press releases, fliers, news clippings, and identification of people in photographs.
FOLDER 19	María y sus Magníficos, 9-18-86. Press releases, fliers, news clippings, identification of people in photographs, and photo credits.
FOLDER 21	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski, 9-25-86. Press releases, fliers, photo credits, and a photocopy of an article in Polish from <i>Nowy Dziennik</i> , a major Polish-American newspaper.
Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS	
Reel-to-reel Audio Tapes	
RWB 2960-2962 AFS 24234-24236	Berline, Crary, and Hickman, 4-24-86. Three 10" DT stereo at 15 ips.
RWB 2963-2964 AFS 24237-24238	John Jackson and James Jackson, 5-1-86. Two 10" DT stereo at 15 ips.

Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS

Container	Contents
RWB 3329-3332 AFS 24295-24298	Tenth Anniversary Concert, 5-22-86. Four 10" DT stereo at 15 ips.
RWB 3045-3047 AFS 24253-24255	Djimo Kouyate, 6-5-86. Three 10" inch DT stereo at 15 ips.
RWB 3040-3042 AFS 24256-24258	Irish Tradition, 6-19-86. Three 10" DT stereo at 15 ips.
RWB 3321-3322 AFS 24287-24288	Blue Ridge Mountain String Band, 7-17-86. Two 10" DT stereo at 7.5 ips.
RWB 3325-3327 AFS 24291-24293	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony, 7-8-86. Three 10" DT stereo at 15 ips.
RWB 3328 AFS 24294	Chinese Traditional and Folk Music, 8-21-86. One 10" DT stereo at 7.5 ips.
RWB 3320 AFS 24286	María y sus Magníficos, 9-18-86. One 10" DT stereo at 7.5 ips.
RWB 3323-3324 AFS 24289-24290	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski, 9-25-86. Two 10" DT stereo at 7.5 ips.

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Negatives

ENVELOPE 1	Berline, Crary, and Hickman, 4-24-86. One sheet of black-and-white 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPE 5	John Jackson and James Jackson, 5-1-86. One sheet of black-and-white 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPE 8	Tenth Anniversary Concert, 5-22-86. Two sheets of black-and-white 35 mm (72 images). Photographer unknown.
ENVELOPE 18	Irish Tradition, 6-19-86. One sheet of black-and-white 35 mm (33 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPE 22	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony, 7- 8-86. Two sheets of black-and-white 35 mm (73 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Jim Higgins.
ENVELOPE 28	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski, 9-25-86. Two sheets of black-and-white 35 mm (65 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs) and one one-row sheet of two color 35 mm (photographer unknown).

Photographic Prints

FOLDER 3	Berline, Crary, and Hickman, 4-24-86. Three black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (73 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker), and two black-and-white 8 x 10 photographic prints (photographer unknown).
FOLDER 5	John Jackson and James Jackson, 5-1-86. Two black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (60 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs.

Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS

Container	Contents
FOLDER 7	Tenth Anniversary Concert, 5-22-86. Two black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (72 images) and two black-and-white 8 x 10 photographic prints (photographed by Lance LeRoy of the Lancer Agency).
FOLDER 9	Djimo Kouyate, 6-5-86. Two black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (35 images) and two 8 x 10 black-and-white photographic prints. Photographed by Reid Baker and John T. Gibbs.
FOLDER 11	Irish Tradition, 6-19-86. Three black-and-white 35 mm contact sheets (66 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs), two black-and-white 8 x 10 promotional photographic prints (photographer unknown).
FOLDER 13	Blue Ridge Mountain String Band, 7-17-86. One black-and-white contact sheet (27 images). Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
FOLDERS 15-16	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony, 7- 8-86. Four black-and-white contact sheets (121 images, photographed by John T. Gibbs and Jim Higgins), four duplicates, and two 8 x 10 black-and-white photographic prints (photographer unknown).
FOLDER 18	Chinese Traditional and Folk Music, 8-21-86. Two black-and-white contact sheets (32 images). Photographed by Reid Baker.
FOLDER 20	María y sus Magníficos, 9-18-86. Two black-and-white contact sheets (32 images). Photographed by Reid Baker.
FOLDERS 22-23	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski, 9-25-86. Five black-and-white contact sheets (131 images) and two duplicates. Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker.
Color Slides	
ENVELOPES 2-4	Berline, Crary, and Hickman, 4-24-86. Three holders containing a total of 43. Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker.
ENVELOPES 6-7	John Jackson and James Jackson, 5-1-86. Two holders containing a total of 30. Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker.
ENVELOPES 9-15	Tenth Anniversary Concert, 5-22-86. Seven holders containing a total of 110. Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPES 16-17	Djimo Kouyate, 6-5-86. Two holders containing a total of 18. Photographed by Reid Baker and John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPES 19-20	Irish Tradition, 6-19-86. Two holders containing a total of 34. Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker.
ENVELOPE 21	Blue Ridge Mountain String Band, 7-17-86. One holder containing 19. Photographed by John T. Gibbs.
ENVELOPES 23-25	Pearl Williams-Jones and the Kings of Harmony, 7- 8-86. Three holders containing a total of 46. Photographed by John T. Gibbs, Jim Higgins, and an unknown photographer.
ENVELOPE 26	Chinese Traditional and Folk Music, 8-21-86. One holder containing 14. Photographed by Reid Baker.
ENVELOPE 27	María y sus Magníficos, 9-18-86. One holder containing 5. Photographed by Reid Baker.
ENVELOPES 29-33	Dawne Tańce and Tom Brzostowski, 9-25-86. Five holders containing a total of 89. Photographed by John T. Gibbs and Reid Baker.