

Pacifica Radio Records



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Collection Summary

Title: Pacifica Radio records

Inclusive Dates: 1946-1994

Creator: Pacifica Radio

Extent: approximately 350 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.42 linear feet

Language: Collection material is in English.

Location: Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021619507>

Summary: Collection of primarily promotional materials documenting the history and programming of Pacifica Radio and its stations.

Location: RPA 03762 (box 1)

Provenance

Source and date of acquisition unknown.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The Pacifica Radio records were processed by Michelle Dubert-Bellrichard in 2021.

Other Repositories

Additional papers on Pacifica Radio are held at the Pacifica Radio Archives in Los Angeles, CA.

Materials Cataloged Separately

Sound recordings from the Pacifica Radio records have been incorporated into the sound recording collections of the Library of Congress Recorded Sound Section. For additional information, contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

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Access and Restrictions

The Pacifica Radio records is open to research. Advance notice is required; contact a reference librarian in the Recorded Sound Research Center, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-4690; (202) 707-7833.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [Container number, eg., Box 3], Pacifica Radio records, National Audio-Visual Conservation Center, Library of Congress.

Administrative History

Pacifica Radio is a listener-sponsored radio station founded by E. John Lewis and Lewis Hill on April 15, 1949 with service out of Berkeley, CA. Pacifica Radio was created to promote free-speech radio unhindered by sponsorships. It was the first public radio network with five-independently operated radio stations documenting political, social, and cultural movements in America.

Owned Since	Station
1949	KPFA : Berkeley, CA
1959	KPFK : Los Angeles, CA
1960	WBAI : New York City, NY
1970	KPFT : Houston, TX
1977	WPFW : Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Pacifica Radio records span the years of 1946-1994. Materials in the collection primarily highlight program offerings, the history of Pacifica Radio, its efforts to expand its services and reach, and fundraising attempts.

The radio sampler series documents the founding, development, and problems of listener-sponsored radio from 1946-1984. Included are papers from internal administration and chronologies of specific periods. There is emphasis on the KPFA radio station.

The publicity series is a collection of mailers and brochures primarily documenting KPFK's and KPFA's convictions and listener reach.

The catalogs series, 1970-1987, consists of booklets that feature programs, their show descriptions, and how to purchase a copy. Programs featured in these catalogs represent a small fraction of the interviews, speeches, and discussions programmed by Pacifica stations.

The newsletter series features special programs celebrating holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, and other important occasions.

Arrangement

The Pacifica Radio records is organized in 4 series:

- [Series 1. Radio Sampler, 1946-1984](#)
- [Series 2. Publicity, 1949-1984](#)
- [Series 3. Catalogs, 1970-1987](#)
- [Series 4. Newsletters, 1970-1994](#)

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.

Organizations

KPFA (Radio station : Berkeley, Calif.)

KPFK (Radio station : Los Angeles, Calif.)

KPFT-FM (Radio station : Houston, Tex.)

Pacifica Radio--Archives.

Pacifica Radio.

WBAI Radio (New York, N.Y.)

WPFW (Radio station : Washington, D.C.)

Subjects

Alternative radio broadcasting--United States.

Mass media--Political aspects--United States.

Public affairs radio programs.

Radio stations.

Form/Genre

Newsletters.

Promotional materials.

Publishers' catalogs.

Description of Series

Container	Series
	<u>Series I: Radio Sampler, 1946-1984</u>
	<u>Series II: Publicity, 1949-1984</u>
	<u>Series III: Catalogs, 1970-1987</u>
	<u>Series IV: Newsletters, 1970-1994</u>

Container List

Container	Contents
	Series I: Radio Sampler, 1946-1984
BOX-FOLDER 1/1	Pacifica Radio sampler, 1946-1984 Includes: Letter from Vera S. Hopkins, Pacifica historian
	Series II: Publicity, 1949-1984
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Brochures, 1949-06-05--1974-04 KPRFA interim program folio, 1949-06-05--1949-06-18 KPFA...America's first listener-sponsored station, 1951 KPFA mailer, 1956 KPFA signal coverage, 1958 Time. Highbrow's delight, 1958-02-24 The economist. Berkeley's BBC, 1958-04-26 Listener-subscription radio for Southern California, 1959-07-26 Program folio WBAI vol. 1 no. 1, 1960-01-10--1960-01-24 National Association of Educational Broadcasters Journal vol. 19 no. 3. Pacifica Radio -- room for dissent, May-June 1960 KPFK 90.7 MC FM, 1960s KPFA? It is not only romanticism...it is rash, raw, unadulterated effrontery. It is magnificent, late 1960s Saturday review. Intellectual pony express, 1960-08-20 Pacifica Foundation promotional piece, 1961 The liberal democrat. Trevor Thomas on the Pacifica hearings, February 1963 KPFA presents Performer's choice 3, 1963-06-06 Saturday review. The sustained scene, 1963-07-20 Emotional involvement, 1963 Listener-supported Pacifica Radio stations purpose, programming, structure, and financing, 1963 License renewal by the FCC for Pacifica stations KPFA, KPFK, WBAI, 1964-01-22 Investigate KPFA, 1964 Bumper sticker Pacifica and the idea of freedom, 1965-11-08 The KPFK folio vol. VIII no. 3, 1966-09-01--1966-09-30 Renaissance pleasure faire, October 1967 The New Yorker. The talk of the town, 1970-03-07 Barron's. Air wave pollution: The Pacifica Foundation has broadcast it for years, 1970-04-06 Pacifica, May 1970 KPFA. Strike U.S. out of Southeast Asia, 1970 KPFA sounds beautiful. Freedom always does..., 1970 KPFA marathon, February 1972 The Pacifica affiliate stations, 1972

Series II: Publicity, 1949-1984

Container

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	Radio guide. The blues, April 1973
	Pacifica non-commercial listener-sponsored radio, 1973
	Folio on the air, 1974-04-01
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Brochures, 1974-12--1984-12
	Facts and figures KPFA, December 1974
	Promotional page issued by Pacifica Foundation, 1975-01-15
	Pacifica Washington, May 1975
	KPFA 94FM - We want you back!., November 1975
	Look into KPFA, 1975
	Power of the women, 1975
	KPFA 94FM pledge, April 1977
	Pacifica fundraising letter, August 1978
	Investigate KPFA, September 1978
	KPFA wins a big one, 1978
	KPFA folio, April 1979
	Sample pledge cards, 1979
	People's radio, June 1980
	Join KPFA's oil embargo, 1980 or 1981
	KPFA dinner journal, 1982-04-17
	KPFA orientation manual, 1983
	The WPFW paper, December 1984
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	Brochures, undated
	Alternative education
	Another look: An examination of United States involvement in Central America
	Audiotapes from Texas
	Ed Asner reads 'with Walker in Nicaragua' by Ernesto Cardenal
	Grace Cavalieri hosts The poet and the poem
	Jazztown
	Pacifica's basic 100
	Pacifica Radio Archive
	The psychology of the aging process ; Group therapy for geriatric patients in mental hospitals
	Public media in the arts program
	The secret wars of the CIA
	Voices in exile: Stories of Salvadoran refugees
	Watergate: An overall perspective from Pacifica of the Watergate affair
	The winter soldier investigation
	Series III: Catalogs, 1970-1987
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Program catalogs, 1970-1987
	Pacifica programs catalog, circa 1970
	Pacifica programs 1971 catalog, 1971
	Pacifica programs 1972 catalog, 1972
	Pacifica audiotapes on reels and cassettes catalog, Spring 1975
	Pacifica Radio Archive catalog, 1983
	Pacifica Radio Archive catalog, 1984

Series III: Catalogs, 1970-1987

Container	Contents
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Pacifica Radio Archive cassette catalogue, 1986

Pacifica Radio Archive cassette catalogue, 1987

Series IV: Newsletters, 1970-1994

BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Latest additions, September 1971-March 1973 Pacifica programs, August 1970 Pacifica programs, November 1970 Pacifica programs, February 1971 Pacifica programs, May 1971 New additions to the Pacifica tape library, September 1971 Latest additions to the Pacifica tape library, December 1971 Latest additions, March 1972 Latest additions, April 1972 Latest additions, May/June 1972 Pacifica programs, October 1972 Pacifica programs volume 4 number 3, March 1973
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Pacifica Radio program bulletin, 1983-08-25--1986-08 Program bulletin no. 83-07, 1983-08-25 Program bulletin no. 83-10, 1983-12-09 Program bulletin no. 84-10, circa 1984 Program bulletin no. 85-05, August 1985 Program bulletin no. 85-07, November 1985 Program bulletin, circa January 1986 Program bulletin no. 86-02, February 1986 Program bulletin no. 86-06, June 1986 Program bulletin no. 86-07, July 1986 Program bulletin no. 86-08, August 1986
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	Soundchoice, December 1986-July 1994 Soundchoice Volume 1, number 1, December 1986 Soundchoice, September 1987 Soundchoice Volume 2, number 1, December 1987 Soundchoice Volume 2, number 4, September 1988 Soundchoice Volume 3, number 1, December 1988 Soundchoice, February 1993 Soundchoice, July 1994