OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Jazz Oral History Program Collection

Collections Dates: 1992-2014

Creator: Smithsonian Institution, Jazz Oral History Program

Abstract: The collection consists of audio recordings and transcripts of oral history interviews with jazz musicians, performers, relatives, and business associates.


Collection Number: AC0808

INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative History: The Jazz Oral History Program (JOHP)--an element of “America’s Jazz Heritage, A Partnership of the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund and the Smithsonian Institution” -- was created in 1992. The program coordinated creation, preservation, and access to over 200 oral history interviews from 1992 through 2014. Subsequent interviews were produced with funding from other sources.

The Jazz Oral History Program grew from the knowledge that the opportunity to record and document a generation of jazz musicians, performers, relatives, and business associates was
passing as significant individuals aged and died. Program staff contacted and worked with potential interviewees to arrange for interviews. Each interview was conducted by a jazz authority and was recorded on digital audiotape by a professional audio engineer. The interviews averaged 6 hours in length and covered a wide range of topics including early years, initial involvement in music, generally, and jazz specifically, as well as experiences in the jazz music world, including relationships to musicians. The original DAT interview tapes were then dubbed to audiocassettes and CD to create protection and access copies.

**Acquisition Information:** The interviews were made for the Smithsonian Institution under the auspices of the Jazz Oral History Program supported by America’s Jazz Heritage, funded by the Lila Wallace–Reader’s Digest Fund and the Smithsonian Institution. Additional interviews were conducted with support from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation. A total of 86 interviews with NEA Jazz Masters were made possible through major funding from the The National Endowment for the Arts.

**Subject/Names:**

- Aebersold, Jamey, 1939 - (interviewee)
- Aguabella, Francisco, 1925- (interviewee)
- Akiyoshi, Toshiko, 1929 - (interviewee)
- Alliison, Mose, 1927- (interviewee)
- Alvarado, Alfredo, (interviewer)
- Anderson, Chris, 1926- (interviewee)
- Appelbaum, Larry, (interviewer)
- Armenteros, Chocolate, 1928- (interviewee)
- Armstrong, Howard, 1909- (interviewee)
- Atkins, Clarence, 1921- (interviewee)
- Avakian, George, 1919 - (interviewee)
- Baker, David, 1931- (interviewee & interviewer)
- Baker, Lida, (interviewer)
- Bank, Danny, 1922- (interviewee)
- Barker, Danny, 1909 - 1994 (interviewee)
- Barker, Louise, 1913 - (interviewee)
- Barron, Kenny, 1943 - (interviewee)
- Bates, Peg Leg, 1907- (interviewee)
- Bauza, Mario, 1911- (interviewee)
- Belli, Remo, (interviewee)
- Bellson, Louie, 1924 - 2009 (interviewee)
- Benson, George, 1943 - (interviewee)
- Berger, Ed, (interviewer)
- Bert, Eddie, 1922- (interviewee)
- Betts, Keter, 1928- (interviewee)
- Bey, Chief, James 1913- (interviewee)
- Bishop, Walter, 1927- (interviewee)
- Bley, Carla, 1936 - (interviewee)
Bluiett, Hamiett, (interviewer)
Brower, William, (interviewer)
Brown, Anthony, (interviewer)
Brown, Oscar, Jr. 1926- (interviewee)
Brown, Velzoe, 1910- (interviewee)
**Brubeck, Dave, 1920-2012 (interviewee)**
Bryant, Ardie, 1929- (interviewee)
Bryant, Clora, (interviewee & interviewer)
Bryant, Ray, 1931- (interviewee)
Bufalino, Brenda, 1937- (interviewee)
Burns, Ralph, 1922- (interviewee)
Burrell, Kenny, (interviewee)
Burstein, Julie, (interviewee)
Butts, Jimmy, 1917- (interviewee)
**Burrell, Kenny, 1931- - (interviewee)**
Burstein, Julie, (interviewer)
Byrd, Charlie, 1925- (interviewee)
Calloway, Cab, 1907- (interviewee)
**Camero, Candido, 1921- (interviewee)**
Carner, Gary, (interviewer)
Carter, Benny, 1907-1997 (interviewee)
Carter, Ron, 1936 - (interviewee)
Casey, Al, 1915- (interviewee)
Cheatham, Doc, 1905-1997 (interviewee)
Cheatham, Jeannie, 1917- (interviewee)
Cheatham, Jimmy, 1924- (interviewee)
Claxton, William, (interviewee)
**Cobb, Jimmy, 1929- (interviewee)**
Cole, Tom, (interviewer)
**Coleman, George, 1935 – (interviewee)**
Coleman, Steve, (interviewer)
Collins, John, 1913- (interviewee)
Columbus, Chris, 1902- (interviewee)
Conover, Willis, 1920- (interviewee)
**Corea, Chick, 1941- (interviewee)**
Corporan, Hector, (interviewer)
Crease, Bob, (interviewer)
Cruz, Celia, 1920- (interviewee)
Dantzler, Russ, (interviewer)
Daughtry, Robert, (interviewer)
**De Franco, Buddy, 1923 - 2014 (interviewee)**
Dejan, Harold, 1909- (interviewee)
Del Puerto, Carlos, 1951- (interviewee)
Di Novi, Gene, 1928- (interviewee)
Donaldson, Lou, 1926 - (interviewee)
**Donegan, Dorothy, 1922-1998 (interviewee)**
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D’Rivera, Paquito, 1948- (interviewee)
Dudley, Bessie, 1902- (interviewee)
Edison, Harry "Sweets", 1915-1999 (interviewee)
Elie, Lolis, (interviewer)
Farmer, Art, 1928-1999 (interviewee)
Fernandez, Raul, (interviewer)
Finegan, Bill, 1917- (interviewee)
Fochios, Steve, (interviewer)
Foster, Frank, 1928-2011 (interviewee)
Fournier, Vernel, 1928- (interviewee)
Frank, Rusty, (interviewer)
Freeman, Von, 1922-2012 (interviewee)
Fuller, Curtis, 1934- (interviewee)
Fuller, Gil, 1920- (interviewee)
Gensel, John, (interviewee)
Geremia, Paul, 1944- (interviewer)
Gilbert, Peggy, (interviewee)
Gioia, Ted, (interviewee)
Golson, Benny, 1929- (interviewee)
Goodson, Sadie, 1904- (interviewee)
Gordon, Lorraine, 1922- (interviewee)
Gordon, Maxine, (interviewer)
Graves, Aaron, (interviewer)
Green, Urbie, (interviewee)
Haddix, Chuck, (interviewer)
Hall, Jim, 1930-2013 (interviewee)
Hamilton, Chico, 1921-2014 (interviewee)
Hampton, Slide, 1932- (interviewee)
Harris, Barry, 1929- (interviewer)
Haynes, Roy, 1926- (interviewee)
Heath, Jimmy, 1926- (interviewee)
Heath, Percy, 1923-2005 (interviewee)
Hemphill, Julius, 1938- (interviewee)
Henderson, Luther, 1919-2003 (interviewee)
Hendricks, Jon, 1921- (interviewee)
Henton, Nat, 1925- (interviewee)
Hill, Roger, 1928- (interviewee)
Hinton, Milt, 1910-2000 (interviewee)
Holley, Eugene, (interviewer)
Holman, Bill, 1927- (interviewee)
Horn, Shirley, 1934-2005 (interviewee)
Hutcherson, Bobby, 1941- (interviewee)
Jackson, Eric, (interviewer)
Jackson, Reuben, (interviewer)
Jamal, Ahmad, 1930- (interviewee)
Jarvis, Jane, 1915- (interviewee)
Jenkins, Willard, (interviewer)
Johnson, J.J., 1924-2001 (interviewee)
Jones, Elvin, 1927-2004 (interviewee)
Jones, Hank, 1918-2010 (interviewee)
Jones, Jonah, (interviewee)
Jones, Quincy, 1933- (interviewee)
Jordan, Sheila, 1928- (interviewee)
Keepnews, Orrin, 1923-2015 (interviewee)
Kimball, Narvin, 1909- (interviewee)
Kimery, Kennith, (interviewer)
Kirchner, Bill, (interviewer)
Klein, Manny, 1908- (interviewee)
Konitz, Lee, 1926- (interviewee)
Lateef, Yusef, 1920-2013 (interviewee)
Laws, Hubert, 1939- (interviewee)
Leonard, Herman, 1923- (interviewee)
Levin, Floyd, (interviewer)
Levy, John, 1912-2012 (interviewee)
Levy, Devra Hall, (interviewer)
Lewis, Edna, 1907- (interviewee)
Lewis, Ramsey, 1935- (interviewee)
Liebman, David, 1946- (interviewee)
Lincoln, Abbey, 1930-2010 (interviewee)
Liston, Melba, 1926-1999 (interviewee)
Lloyd, Charles, 1938 - (interviewee)
Lopez, Israel, 1918- (interviewee)
Lopez, Rene, (interviewer)
Lucie, Lawrence, 1907- (interviewee)
Lutcher, Nellie, 1912- (interviewee)
Lynton, Charles, 1904- (interviewee)
Mandel, Johnny, 1925- (interviewee)
Manning, Frank, 1914- (interviewee)
Marsalis, Branford, 1960 - (interviewee)
Marsalis, Delfeayo, 1965 - (interviewee)
Marsalis, Ellis, 1934- (interviewee)
Marsalis, Jason, 1977- (interviewee)
McDaniel, Ted, (interviewer)
McDonough, John, (interviewer)
McGettigan, Betty, (interviewee)
McIntosh, Tom, 1927- (interviewee)
McKibbon, Al, 1919- (interviewee)
McKusick, Hal, 1924- (interviewee)
McLean, Jackie, 1931-2006 (interviewee)
McPartland, Marian, 1920-2013 (interviewee)
Mitchell, John, (interviewer)
Miller, Norma, 1919- (interviewee)
Mondello, Toots, 1911- (interviewee)
Moody, James, 1925-2010 (interviewee)
Morgenstern, Dan, 1929- (interviewee)
Murphy, Molly, (interviewee)
Murray, Albert, 1916- (interviewee)
Murray, David, (interviewee)
Nau, Marty, (interviewer)
Newton, James, (interviewer)
Nicholas, Fayard, 1918- (interviewee)
Nicholas, Harold, 1924- (interviewee)
Norvo, Red, 1908-1999 (interviewee)
O'Brien, Peter F., (interviewee)
O'Farrill, Chico, 1921- (interviewee)
O'Meally, Bob, (interviewer)
Ouellette, Dan, (interviewer)
Owens, Jimmy, 1943-, (interviewee)
Palmieri, Eddie, 1936- (interviewee)
Panken, Ted, (interviewee)
Pelote, Vincent, (interviewer)
Peraza, Armando, 1924- (interviewee)
Peterson, Oscar, 1925- (interviewee)
Placksin, Sally, (interviewer)
Porter, Lewis, (interviewer)
Pullen, Don, 1941- (interviewee)
Pullman, Peter, (interviewer)
Rachell, Yank, 1910-1997 (interviewee)
Ray, Carline, 1925- (interviewee)
Reed, Leonard, 1907- (interviewee)
Richards, Red, 1912- (interviewee)
Ritz, David, (interviewer)
Robinson, Les, 1912- (interviewee)
Rodrique, Jessie, (interviewer)
Rogers, Shorty, 1924- (interviewee)
Rollins, Sonny, 1930- (interviewee)
Ross, Annie, 1930- (interviewee)
Russell, George, 1923-2009 (interviewee)
Royal, Marshall, 1912- (interviewee)
Rugolo, Pete, 1915- (interviewee)
Rutherford, Rudy, (interviewee)
Sager, Jane, 1914- (interviewee)
Santamaria, Mongo, 1917- (interviewee)
Schoenberg, Loren, (interviewer)
Schuller, Gunther, 1925- (interviewee)
Schwartz, Scott, (interviewer)
Schwartz, Steve, (interviewer)
Scott, Jimmy, 1925 - 2014 (interviewee)
Segal, Joe, 1926 – (interviewee)
Settle, Cucell, 1914- (interviewee)
Shaw, Artie, 1910-2004 (interviewee)
Shorter, Wayne, 1933- (interviewee)
Sickler, Don, (interviewer)
Slyde, Jimmy, 1927- (interviewee)
Smith, Ernie, (interviewer)
Smith, Hale, 1925- (interviewee)
Sneed, Ann, (interviewer)
Stitt, Katea, (interviewer)
Stoll, Jerry, 1923- (interviewee)
Talbot, Bruce, (interviewer)
Taylor, Arthur, 1929- (interviewee)
Taylor, Billy, 1921-2010 (interviewee)
Teagarden, Norma, 1911- (interviewee)
Terry, Clark, 1920 – 2015 (interviewee)
Thielemans, Toots, 1922 - (interviewee)
Tinney, Al, 1921- (interviewee)
Tucker, Sherrie, (interviewer)
Tyner, McCoy, 1938- (interviewee)
Valdes, Bebo, 1918- (interviewee)
Valdez, Carlos, 1926- (interviewee)
Valdes, Chucho, 1941- (interviewee)
Valentin, Val, 1920- (interviewee)
Van Gelder, Rudy, 1924- (interviewee)
Van Lake, Turk, 1918- (interviewee)
Viola, Al, 1919- (interviewee)
Walton, Cedar, 1934-2013 (interviewee)
Watson, Matt, (interviewer)
Wein, George, 1925- (interviewee)
Wess, Frank, 1922-2013 (interviewee)
Weston, Randy, 1926- (interviewee)
White, Michael, (interviewer)
Whitfield, Weslia, (interviewer)
Wilder, Joe, 1922-2014 (interviewee)
Willard, Patricia, (interviewer)
Willcox, Spiegle, 1902- (interviewee)
Williams, Claude, 1908- (interviewee)
Williams, James, (interviewer)
Williams, John, 1905- (interviewee)
Wilson, Gerald, 1918 - 2014(interviewee)
Wilson, Nancy, 1937- (interviewee)
Wong, Herb, (interviewer)
Woods, Phil, 1931- (interviewee)
Yamazaki, Paul, (interviewer)
Young, Eugene Edward "Snooky", 1919-2011 (interviewee)
Yoshida, George, 1922- (interviewee)
Young, Lee, 1917- (interviewee)
Young, Webster, 1932- (interviewee)
Zimmerman, James, (interviewer)

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