1978 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection

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Collection Summary

Collection Number: AFC 1978/004
Title: 1978 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection
Inclusive Dates: 1978
Extent (Manuscripts): 8 folders
Extent (Sound Recordings): 13 sound tape reels: analog, 7 1/2 ips, double track, mono., 10 in.
Extent (Graphic Images): 400 photographs: black and white, color
Creator: American Folklife Center
Languages: English, French, Gaelic, and Arabic
Summary: Documentation of the monthly 1978 Neptune Concert Series, which consists of manuscript materials, sound recordings, and photographs of performances of Irish music, French-Canadian folk music and contradance, Arab music and dance, bluegrass music, zydeco music, country music, and gospel music recorded live outdoors on Neptune Plaza in front of the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, at concerts from April through September 1978, sponsored by the American Folklife Center and the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

Scope and Content

The 1978 Neptune Plaza Concert Series Collection consists of manuscript and print materials, audio recordings, and graphic materials that document the 1978 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 took place on the Neptune Plaza at the front of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress between April and September. Adverse weather conditions sometimes forced the concerts indoors. The 1978 series was produced with the assistance of the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

The 1978 season consisted of the following:

Date             Performers                        Place of Origin     Subject
April 28         Joe and Antoinette McKenna          Ireland            Irish music
May 11           Graham Townsend and Maple Sugar    Canada             French-Canadian music and contradance
May 25           The Arabic Dancers                  Virginia            Middle Eastern music, stick dance, belly dance
June 29          Buck White and the Down Home Boys  Tennessee          Bluegrass and country music
July 27          The Lawtell Playboys                Louisiana           Zydeco music
August 31        John Ashby and the Old Time Virginia String Band Virginia Old-Time music
September 28     Mentrotone Baptist Church Singers  Washington, D.C. Gospel music

Administrative History

Documentation created and accessioned by the American Folklife Center in 1978.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject listed alphabetically therein.

People
Ashby, John, 1915-1979, performer.
McKenna, Antoinette, performer.
McKenna, Joe, performer.
Townsend, Graham, performer.
White, Buck, performer.

Organizations
American Folklife Center, sponsor.
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress), collector.
Lawtell Playboys, performer.
Mentrotone Baptist Church Singers, performer.
National Council for the Traditional Arts, sponsor.

Subjects
African Americans--Louisiana--Music.
Arab Americans--Virginia--Music.
Arabs--Music.
Belly dance music.
Belly dance.
Bluegrass music--Tennessee.
Country music--Virginia.
Dance--Middle East.
Folk dance music--Canada.
Folk dance music--Ireland.
Folk music--Canada.
Folk music--Ireland.
Folk music--United States.
Folk songs, English--Ireland.
Folk songs, English--United States.
Folk songs, French--Louisiana.
Folk songs, Irish--Ireland.
French-Canadians--Music.
Gospel music--Washington (D.C.)
Old-time music--Virginia.
String band music--Virginia.
Zydeco music--Louisiana.

Titles
American Folklife Center concert, 1978

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.

Preferred Citation
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| **Sound Recordings**                      |                                             |
| 13      | 10" DT mono reels at 7.5 ips   | LWO 12188 R1-2                                 |
|         |                               | LWO 12216 R1-2 [AFS 19281-19282]               |
|         |                               | LWO 12226 R1-2                                 |
|         |                               | LWO 12293 (not located as of 2/2011)           |
|         |                               | LWO 12332 R1-2                                 |
|         |                               | LWO 12388 R1-2                                 |
|         |                               | LWO 12421 R1-2                                 |

| **Graphic Images**                      |                                             |
| 321    | negatives                      | Envelopes 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11                     |
| 11     | black-and-white contact sheets | Folders 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19               |
| 11     | 5x8 black-and-white photographic prints | Folders 4, 7, 15 |
| 1      | 5x7 black-and-white photographic print | Folder 10 |
| 55     | color slides                   | Envelopes 4, 6, 9-10                          |
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| **Series II: SOUND RECORDINGS** |
| LWO 12188 R1-2 | Joe and Antoinette McKenna, 4-28-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| LWO 12216 R1-2 | Graham Townsend and Maple Sugar, 5-11-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| LWO 12226 R1-2 | The Arabic Dancers, 5-25-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| LWO 12293 | Buck White and the Down Home Boys, 6-29-78. One 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips (not located as of 2/2011). |
| LWO 12332 R1-2 | The Lawtell Playboys, 7-27-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| LWO 12388 | John Ashby and the Old Time Virginia String Band, 8-31-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |
| LWO 12421 R1-2 | Mentrotone Baptist Church Singers, 9-28-78. Two 10" DT mono at 7.5 ips. |

| **Series III: GRAPHIC MATERIALS** |

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One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (35 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| ENVELOPE 2 | Graham Townsend and Maple Sugar, 5-11-78.  
Two black-and-white contact sheets, 35 mm (70 images). |
| ENVELOPE 3 | The Arabic Dancers, 5-25-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (37 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| ENVELOPE 5 | Buck White and the Down Home Boys, 6-29-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (33 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| ENVELOPE 7 | The Lawtell Playboys, 7-27-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| ENVELOPE 8 | John Ashby and the Old Time Virginia String Band, 8-31-78.  
Two black-and-white contact sheets, 35 mm (74 images). Photographed by Howard W. Marshall. |
| ENVELOPE 11 | Mentrotone Baptist Church Singers, 9-28-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (36 images). Photographer unknown. |
| FOLDERS 3-4 | Joe and Antoinette McKenna, 4-28-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (34 images) and two copies of two 5 x 8 black-and-white photoprints. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| FOLDERS 6-7 | Graham Townsend and Maple Sugar, 5-11-78.  
Two copies of two black-and-white contact sheets, 35 mm (70 images) and four 5 x 8 black-and-white photoprints. Photographed by Paula Johnson. |
| FOLDERS 9-10 | The Arabic Dancers, 5-25-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (37 images) in Folder 9. One 5 x 7 black-and-white photoprint in Folder 10. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| FOLDER 12 | Buck White and the Down Home Boys, 6-29-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (33 images). Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| FOLDERS 14-15 | The Lawtell Playboys, 7-27-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (36 images) and three 5 x 8 black-and-white photoprints. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| FOLDER 17 | John Ashby and the Old Time Virginia String Band, 8-31-78.  
Two black-and-white contact sheets, 35 mm (74 images). Photographed by Howard W. Marshall. |
| FOLDER 19 | Mentrotone Baptist Church Singers, 9-28-78.  
One black-and-white contact sheet, 35 mm (36 images). Photographed by Howard W. Marshall. |
| ENVELOPE 4 | The Arabic Dancers, 5-25-78.  
One holder containing 20. Photographed by Carl Fleischhauer. |
| ENVELOPE 6 | Buck White and the Down Home Boys, 6-29-78.  
One holder containing eight. Photographed by Howard W. Marshall. |
| ENVELOPES 9-10 | John Ashby and the Old Time Virginia String Band, 8-31-78.  
Two holders containing a total of 27. Photographed by Howard W. Marshall. |
## Appendix A: Dance Content

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<td>Graham Townsend and Maple Sugar</td>
<td>Presentation of French-Canadian folk dance and music, with audience participation in contradance. Photographs: Folders 6-7; sound recordings: LWO 12216 R1-2 [AFS 19281 - AFS 19282].</td>
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<td>The Arabic Dancers</td>
<td>Arab music and dance presentation. Female dancer performs raks beledi (country dance) or raks sharqi (oriental dance). She also dances with a man dressed in traditional clothes and carrying a stick, although there is no documentation of him performing raks al tahtib (stick dance). Photographs and slides: Folders 9-10, Envelopes 3-4; sound recording: LWO 12226.</td>
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