



# Guide to the Jazz and Big Band Reference Collection, 1926-ongoing

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Jazz and Big Band Reference collection, 1926-ongoing

**Creator:**

Duke University. University Archives

**Extent:**

0.6 Linear Feet  
375 Items

**Physical Location:**

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Language:**

Material in English

**Collection ID:**

UA.01.11.0064

**Permalink:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The Jazz and Big Band Reference Collection contains clippings, promotional material, records, correspondence, and other material about the history of jazz at Duke University. Topics include information on Duke's various student jazz ensembles and big bands, visiting musicians who performed at Duke, the Mary Lou Williams Jazz Festival, the North Carolina International Jazz Festival,

Guide to the Jazz and Big Band Reference Collection, 1926-ongoing  
and the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz. This collection was compiled from a  
variety of sources by the University Archives for use in reference and research.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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Accessions were merged into one collection, described in this finding aid.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Duke Ambassadors Records University Archives, Duke University. Les Brown Scores Collection David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University Sonny Burke Papers David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University Paul Jeffrey Papers David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University

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## Names and Subjects

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- Jazz
- Music in universities and colleges
- Duke University -- Alumni and alumnae
- Duke University -- Students

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## Collection Inventory

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Duke Jazz Ensemble Performances (1973-1996)	Box 1
History of Jazz Big Bands at Duke (1926-1985)	Box 1
North Carolina International Jazz Festival / Umbria Jazz Festival (1985-1991)	Box 1
Mary Lou Williams Jazz Festival (1983-1993)	Box 1
Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz (1987-1992)	Box 1
Visiting Musicians at Duke (1936-1988)	Box 1