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Guide to the
Alvin Thaler Photographs of The Sound of Jazz
1957
JPB 19-03

Summary

Creator: Thaler, Alvin, 1926-2008

Title: Alvin Thaler Photographs of The Sound of Jazz

Date: 1957

Abstract: Alvin Thaler was a producer and director for CBS television and served as production manager for the series The Seven Lively Arts. The collection consists of photographs and contact sheets, and negatives shot by Thaler during the production of "The Sound of Jazz," a single episode of The Seven Lively Arts that aired on December 8, 1957.

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Creator History

The Sound of Jazz was one episode of the CBS television series *The Seven Lively Arts* that was filmed and broadcast on December 8, 1957. The episode was directed by Jack Smight, produced by Robert Herridge, and with camera setup by Charles H. Schulz. Nat Hentoff and Whitney Balliett provided musical guidance for the episode, including the selection of musical guests. The episode featured 32 jazz artists in live performance, including luminaries such as Lester Young, Billie Holiday, Gerry Mulligan, Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, Count Basie, and Thelonious Monk.

Custodial History

The collection was donated by Alvin Thaler in 1994.

Key Terms

Subjects
Jazz musicians -- Photographs
Singers -- Photographs

Names
Basie, Count -- Photographs
Hawkins, Coleman -- Photographs
Holiday, Billie, 1915-1959
Monk, Thelonious -- Photographs
Mulligan, Gerry -- Photographs
Thaler, Alvin, 1926-2008
Webster, Ben, 1909-1973 -- Photographs
Young, Lester, 1909-1959 -- Photographs
CBS Television Network

Container List

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b. 1 f. 2	Basie, Count
b. 1 f. 3	Herridge, Robert
b. 1 f. 4	Herridge, Robert, Jack Smight, and Chas Schultz
b. 1 f. 5	Holiday, Billie
b. 1 f. 6	Holiday, Billie and Count Basie
b. 1 f. 7	Holiday, Billie, Lester Young, Gerry Mulligan, Ben Webster, and others
b. 1 f. 8	Houseman, John
b. 1 f. 9	Monk, Thelonious
b. 1 f. 10	Monk, Thelonious, Ahmed Aboul-Malik, and Osie Johnson
b. 1 f. 11	Pierce, Nat, Henry Red Allen, Jo Jones, Rex Stewart, Coleman Hawkins, Pee Wee Russell, and others
b. 1 f. 12	Russell, Pee Wee
b. 1 f. 13	Russell, Pee Wee, Red Allen, and Coleman Hawkins
b. 1 f. 14	Russell, Pee Wee, Red Allen, and Nat Pierce
b. 1 f. 15	Webster, Ben, Coleman Hawkins, and Gerry Mulligan
b. 1 f. 16	Young, Lester, Ben Webster, and Gerry Mulligan