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Chester Higgins : artist file

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Summary

Creator: Higgins, Chester

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Abstract: Chester Higgins (born 1946 in Lexington, Kentucky) has worked as a New York Times staff photographer since 1975 and has exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the world. Higgins is the author of several books including *Black Women* (1970), *Drums of Life* (1974), *Some Time Ago: A Historical Portrait of Black America from 1850 to 1950* (1980), *Feeling the Spirit: Searching the World for the People of Africa* (1994), *Elder Grace: The Nobility of Aging* (2000), *Ancient Nubia: African Kingdoms on the Nile* (2012), and his memoir, *Echo of the Spirit* (2004). The Chester Higgins artist file consists of an extensive curriculum vitae (2008), postcards of selected photographs, announcements and invitations to his solo exhibitions (1974, 1990-2012), and a press kit for the exhibition "Invoking the Spirit: Worship Traditions in the African World", which was on view at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Also in the file are announcements to his lectures; copies of his weekly column, "Lens", which was published in *The New York Times* (1992, 2006); reviews of two of his books; a sales blad for *Feeling the Spirit*; and a calendar and teacher's resource manual for his book *Elder Grace*. Articles featuring his photographs in *The New York Times Magazine* and a variety of other magazines complete the collection (1990-2007).

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Key Terms

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