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Guide to the

**John Kiernan collection of comedy materials**

1986-1994

\*T-Mss 1994-020

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## Summary

**Creator:** Kiernan, John

**Title:** John Kiernan collection of comedy materials

**Date:** 1986-1994

**Size:** 1.05 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Source:** Unknown.

**Abstract:** John Kiernan was active as a stand-up comedian in the 1980s and 1990s. His collection of comedy materials dates from 1986 to 1994 and consists primarily of periodicals. The collection contains issues of Comedy USA (1986-1989); Comedy USA Newswire (1987-1991); Just for Laughs: The Comedy Newspaper (1986-1994); Stand Up, the Professional Comedians Association (PCA) newsletter (1986-1994); and Laughtrack: The Comedy Audience Magazine (1989-1990), which includes performance calendars for the Treehouse Comedy Club in Connecticut. Not all issues are present within these date ranges. There are several clippings and issues of various other comedy magazines, including Rave: The Comedy Performance Magazine. The collection contains directories of comedians, and the Comedy USA Industry Guide from 1989 to 1992. There is a copy of the PCA's 1988 guide to New York City for visiting comics. Itineraries for several of Kiernan's tours are also present.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Comedians -- United States

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**  
Periodicals

**Subjects**  
Stand-up comedy

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-7 *Just For Laughs* 1986-1994
- b. 2 f. 1-9 *Comedy USA; Comedy USA Newswire; Laughtrack; Stand Up; Other Periodicals*  
*Comedy USA; Comedy USA Newswire; Laughtrack; Stand Up; Other Periodicals* 1986-1994
- b. 3 f. 1-5 Directories; Itineraries; PCA Guide to New York 1987-1993