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Nancy Miller Elliott Photographs of Jazz Musicians

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Summary

Creator: Elliott, Nancy Miller

Title: Nancy Miller Elliott Photographs of Jazz Musicians

Date: 1983-1995

Size: 1 linear foot (175 photographic prints in 2 boxes)

Source: Collection was received as a donation from Nancy Miller Elliott in June 1995.

Abstract: Nancy Miller Elliott is a leading photographer in New York City. She assisted Buck Clayton in the publication, *Buck Clayton's Jazz World*, published by Oxford University Press in 1987. Two of her photographs were included in the photographic project *Homeless in America*, a portfolio from which was published in *Newsweek*, March 21, 1988. Collection includes 175 black and white photographs of jazz musicians primarily in New York City settings taken by Nancy Miller Elliott between the years 1983-1995. A number of the photographs include tenor saxophonist Buck Clayton, as well as other former members of the Count Basie Band. Collection also includes two photos of dancers Norma Miller and Frankie Manning in front of Smalls Paradise in Harlem. Three of the photos depict Nancy Miller Elliott and were taken by other photographers.

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Arrangement: Original order was maintained.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Gelatin silver prints

Subjects

Jazz musicians

Jazz musicians -- Portraits

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Eldridge, Roy, 1911-1989

Elliott, Nancy Miller

Smith, Jabbo, 1908-1991

Count Basie Big Band

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