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Guide to the

Ken Harper sound recordings for Bamboo [sound recording]

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Summary

Creator: Harper, Ken, d. 1988

Title: Ken Harper sound recordings for Bamboo [sound recording]

Size: 8 sound recordings; 5, analog 1 7/8 ips stereo; 5, analog 1 7/8 ips stereo; 1, analog 7 1/2 ips stereo, 5 in.; 1, analog 7 1/2 ips stereo, 5 in.; 2, analog 7 1/2 ips. stereo, 7 in.; 2, analog 7 1/2 ips. stereo, 7 in.

Source: Transfer, Billy Rose Theater Collection, 19920429

Abstract: Ken Harper was the producer of the popular Broadway musical *The Wiz*. Born in New York, Harper became a radio disc jockey in the army. In the late 1960's and early 1970's he worked for radio station WPIX (New York), and later left his job to begin a full time fund raising effort for his musicals. Harper died in 1988 without finding financial support for his second musical production entitled *BAMBOO*. The collection consists almost exclusively of recordings of the unproduced musical *Bamboo*. There is a complete recording of the music from the show as well as a demo recording and several recordings of single songs.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Arranged in alphabetical order

Key Terms

Subjects

Theater -- New York (State)

Occupations

Theatrical producers and directors

Names

Harper, Ken, d. 1988

McHugh, David, 1941-