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Guide to the

Bill Adler hip-hop research collection

1980s-2013

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Summary

Creator: Adler, Bill, 1951-

Title: Bill Adler hip-hop research collection

Date: 1980s-2013

Size: 1.0 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Gift of Bill Adler, 2014.

Abstract: Bill Adler is an American music journalist and critic who specializes in hip hop. He was director of publicity at Def Jam Recordings between 1984 and 1990, and subsequently co-authored the book *Def Jam Recordings* (2011). He also founded Eyejammie Fine Arts Gallery and co-founded the poetry record label Mouth Almighty Records. Since the early 1980s, he has promoted hip hop in a variety of capacities, including as publicist, biographer, record label executive, museum consultant, curator, and documentary filmmaker. Adler's work as a hip-hop archivist commenced during his years at Rush/Def Jam. The Adler hip hop archive, which includes sound recordings along with album cover art, books, films, videos, photographs, newspaper and magazine articles, publicity materials, and other advertising, was acquired by Cornell University in 2013. This collection mainly consists of printed matter about hip-hop artists, topics related to hip-hop, and hip-hop record labels.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by artist or topic name. Some folders are not in alphabetical order due to order of original donation.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Hip-hop (Music)

Subjects

Hip-hop in motion pictures
Modern music -- United States -- 20th century
Musicians -- United States
Rap (Music)
Rap musicians -- United States

Names

Adler, Bill, 1951-
Blige, Mary J.
Eminem, 1972-
Jay-Z, 1969-
Nas (Musician)
Shakur, Tupac, 1971-1996
Beastie Boys
Def Jam Recordings
Jive Records
Public Enemy (Musical group)
Wu-Tang Clan (Musical group)

Container List

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- b. 1 f. 4 Beatnuts
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- b. 1 f. 6 Big Pun
- b. 1 f. 7 Black Rob
- b. 1 f. 8 Blige, Mary J
- b. 1 f. 9 Blow, Kurtis
- b. 1 f. 10 Boo-Yaa brothers
- b. 1 f. 11 Boss
- b. 1 f. 12 Brown, Foxy
- b. 1 f. 13 Charnas, Dan
- b. 1 f. 14 Chuck Chillout
- b. 1 f. 15 Chuck D
- b. 1 f. 16 Common
- b. 1 f. 17 Davy D
- b. 1 f. 18 Def Jam (Russell Simmons)
- b. 1 f. 19 De La Soul
- b. 1 f. 20 Digital Underground
- b. 1 f. 21 Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy
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- b. 1 f. 23 The D.O.C
- b. 1 f. 24 Doctor Dre and Ed Lover
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- b. 1 f. 27 Eazy-E
- b. 1 f. 28 8Ball & MJG
- b. 1 f. 29 Eminem
- b. 1 f. 30 Eve
- b. 1 f. 31 Fat Boys
- b. 1 f. 32 Fresh, Doug E
- b. 1 f. 33 Guru
- b. 1 f. 34 Hager, Steven
- b. 1 f. 35 Hammer, MC
- b. 1 f. 36 Jadakiss
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- b. 1 f. 45 Lifers Group
- b. 1 f. 46 Lil Jon
- b. 1 f. 47 The Lox
- b. 1 f. 48 Marxman
- b. 1 f. 49 *Menace II Society* 1993
- b. 1 f. 50 MC Mitch Ski
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- b. 1 f. 52 Method Man
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- b. 1 f. 55 Mystikal
- b. 1 f. 56 Nas
- b. 1 f. 57 Naughty by Nature
- b. 1 f. 58 Nelly
- b. 1 f. 59 *New Jersey Drive* 1995
- b. 1 f. 60 Onyx
- b. 1 f. 61 Oran "Juice" Jones
- b. 1 f. 62 Original Concept
- b. 1 f. 63 Paris
- b. 1 f. 64 Pharrell
- b. 1 f. 65 PM Dawn
- b. 1 f. 66 Poor Righteous Teachers
- b. 1 f. 67 Positive K
- b. 1 f. 68 Prince Paul
- b. 1 f. 69 Prodigy
- b. 1 f. 70 Profile Records
- b. 1 f. 71 Public Enemy
- b. 1 f. 72 Puff Daddy
- b. 1 f. 73 Rap lyrics backlash 1993
- b. 1 f. 74 Rap and fashion 1990
- b. 1 f. 75 "Rap Music Day", New York City 1985 May 3
- b. 1 f. 76 Rappin' 4-Tay
- b. 1 f. 77 Red Hot Lover Lover Tone
- b. 1 f. 78 Redman
- b. 1 f. 79 The Roots
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- b. 1 f. 84 Salt-n-Pepa
- b. 1 f. 85 Sampling 1994
- b. 1 f. 86 Screwball
- b. 1 f. 87 Serious-Lee-Fine
- b. 1 f. 88 Sermon, Erick
- b. 1 f. 89 Sham & the Professor
- b. 1 f. 90 Shant , Roxanne
- b. 1 f. 91 Sharpton, Al
- b. 1 f. 92 Sigel, Beanie
- b. 1 f. 93 Sir Mix-a-Lot
- b. 1 f. 94 Slick Rick
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- b. 1 f. 97 Snoop Dogg
- b. 1 f. 98 Sista Souljah
- b. 1 f. 99 *The Source* 1994
- b. 1 f. 100 Spearhead
- b. 1 f. 101 Spyder D and Sparky D
- b. 1 f. 102 Star & Buc Wild
- b. 1 f. 103 StepSun Entertainment (music label) 1995
- b. 1 f. 104 Stereo MCs
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- b. 1 f. 106 Storch, Scott
- b. 1 f. 107 "Stop the Violence" movement 1989
- b. 1 f. 108 Success-n-Effect
- b. 1 f. 109 Sugarhill Records (Sylvia Robinson)
- b. 1 f. 110 *Sun City, album by Artists United Against Apartheid* 1985
- b. 1 f. 111 Sweatshirt, Earl
- b. 1 f. 112 Swizz Beatz
- b. 1 f. 113 3rd Bass
- b. 1 f. 114 TLC
- b. 1 f. 115 Three 6 Mafia
- b. 1 f. 116 Tim Dog
- b. 1 f. 117 T La Rock and Jazzy Jay
- b. 1 f. 118 Too Short
- b. 1 f. 119 A Tribe Called Quest
- b. 1 f. 120 Trick Daddy

- b. 1 f. 121 Trina
- b. 1 f. 122 Troubleneck Brothers
- b. 1 f. 123 Tupac (Shakur)
- b. 1 f. 124 2 Live Crew (Luther Campbell)
- b. 1 f. 125 UGK (Underground Kingz)
- b. 1 f. 126 UTFO
- b. 1 f. 127 Van Silk
- b. 1 f. 128 Warren G
- b. 1 f. 129 Wall, Paul
- b. 1 f. 130 West, Kanye
- b. 1 f. 131 Whistle (musical group)
- b. 1 f. 132 Whodini
- b. 1 f. 133 Wu-Tang Clan
- b. 1 f. 134 X Clan
- b. 1 f. 135 Xzibit
- b. 1 f. 136 *Yes Yes Y'All: The Experience Music Project Oral History of Hip-Hop's First Decade 2002*
- b. 1 f. 137 Yo-Yo
- b. 1 f. 138 Young Black Teenagers
- b. 1 f. 139 Zion I