

Title: John Bunch Audio Recordings

Creator: Bunch, John

Dates: 1937-2009

Collection Number: JC.2015.04

Extent: 3.25 linear feet (4 boxes of audiocassettes, 3 boxes of dubs of audiocassettes on compact discs, 12 LPs)

Language of Materials: English

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Abstract

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Biographical Sketch

John Bunch was born in Tipton, Indiana on December 1, 1921, and began studying piano when he was eleven. By the age twelve he was already playing in local clubs, eager to be part of the jazz scene. Early influences include Fats Waller, Bud Powell and Teddy Wilson. During World War II he served in the United States Army Air Corps and wrote his first musical arrangement while playing in a band as a prisoner-of-war. Upon returning home, he enrolled in the University of Indiana, under the G. I. Bill, completing a degree in Speech in 1950. Music was a strong avocation during this decade, occupying weekend gigs with local players.

His musical career truly began in the late 1950's, as he played with the big bands of Georgie Auld, Woody Herman, Benny Goodman, and Maynard Ferguson. As a member of these groups he remained an anonymous presence. These early associations would later lead to recognition, responsibility, and world travel.

A move to New York City in the late 1950's, caused him to broaden his talents. He focused on the intimate club scene, playing in trios and quartets with Urbie Green, Buddy Rich, Al Cohn, and Zoot Sims, and Wild Bill Davidson. He also began recording with various performers and with the Buddy Rich Orchestra.

In 1962, Benny Goodman invited John to the USSR, as part of a diplomatic tour organized by the State Department. The famous clarinetist also asked Bunch to join his orchestra on tours of Mexico and Europe.

Tony Bennett needed a music director in 1966. In this position Bunch played and directed at such notable venues as Carnegie Hall and the White House. Performances in Japan, Australia, England, and other parts of Europe were also part of this period.

In the 1990's Bunch formed his own trio, New York Swing, which included Bucky Pizzarelli on guitar and Jay Leonhart on bass. They played at many New York Clubs and on the S. S. Norway Cruise Line.

He died on March 30, 2010 in New York City, survived by his wife, Cecily "Chips" Gemmell.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement

The materials were separated into three series: audiocassettes, compact discs, and LPs. The cassettes were numbered primarily in chronological order. The compact discs in box five were arranged in chronological order, as well. It appears that John Bunch numbered all but two of the LPs. Since most of the recordings had no formal titles, the title column contains either the bandleader's name, or some other identifying information. Song titles are included in the finding aid only for the LPs.

Access and Use

Restrictions: None

Statement of Acquisition

Gifts from John and Chips Bunch

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Separated Materials

Commercial audio recordings to the Al Cohn Memorial Jazz Collection audio recordings
(separate list of recordings is available)

Music fake books and folios to the Al Cohn Memorial Jazz Collection songbook collection
(separate list is available)

Papers, scores, negatives, photographs, and slides separated and identified as John Bunch
Papers, JC.2015.03

Related Materials

John Bunch oral history

Container List

Series 1: Audio Cassette Tapes (1937-2000)

This series includes audio cassette recordings primarily of John Bunch's performances. It audio recordings of radio and TV interviews. The materials in the series documents Bunch's performing career. The archivist chose to retain the cassette numbering.

Box 1

Cassette #	Title	Leader	Date
1	Music of 1937	Dick Hyman, Andre Previn Roane	1937
2	Bunch and Priddy	Unidentified	1940
3	Collector's Items, Vegas	Bird and Woody	1952, 1972 September
4	Woody Herman Live	Woody Herman	1957 June 7
5	Indiana on Our Mind	John Eaton	1958
6	Urbie Green Orchestra	Urbie Green	1959 Feb.-March
7	Today Show	Don Goldie	1960 April 22
8	BG 1963	Bobby Hackett	1963 Feb. 7 and May
9	Anachronic Jazz Band, Box Office Dizzy and the Double 6 of Paris	Dizzy Gillespie	1976-1992 1963 July
10	Untitled	Unidentified	1972 August

12	Benny Goodman	Benny Goodman	1973 Dec. 8
13	Three Sisters	Unidentified	1974 July
14	Brackeen Piano Lesson	Unidentified	1975 April
15	Benny Goodman	Jimmy Rowles(pno),,,John Bunch (pno), Connie Kay(dms), Michael Moore (bs), Cal Collins (gtr), Wayne Wright (gtr), George Young (1as), Mel Rodnon(2as), Buddy Tate (1ts), Frank Wess(2ts), Sol Schlinger (bsx), Victor Paz (1tpt), Warren Vache(2tpt), Jack Sheldon (3tpt), Wayne Andre (1tbn), George Masso (2tbn), John Messner (3tbn), Martha Tilton(vcl), Debi Craig (vcl), Mary Lou Williams (pno), Lionel Hampton (vibes)	undated
16	Providence, RI	John Bunch	1978 October
17	Westchester High School		1978 Nov. 22
18	Unidentified Concerts	John Bunch	1978 January
19	Blackout Concert	Benny Goodman	1979 Jul. 24
20	Coudous	John Bunch	1979 Aug. 12
21	Coudous	John Bunch	1979 Aug. 12
22	Music of Harry Warren	Spike Robinson, Victor Feldman, Charles Owens	1987

Box 2

Cassette #	Title	Leader	Date
23	Fat Tuesdays New York City	Louis Bellson	1986 April
24	Jazz Party Tape 2	Unidentified	1986 Aug. 30
25	Carlos I	John Bunch	1986 Nov. 11
26	St. Peter's West End	Manny Duran	c1987
27	Unidentified	John Bunch	1988 January
28	Unidentified	John Bunch	1988 January
29	John Bunch Trio	John Bunch (p)	1988 July 6
30	John Bunch Piano Solo Concert	John Bunch	1989 June 29
31	Butch Miles' Jazz Express	Butch Miles (d)	1989 Oct. 24-26
32	Struggle's	Unidentified	1989 Nov. 17
33	Manny Duran Quartet	Manny Duran	1990 Oct. 23
34	I Gotta Right to Sing the Blues	Eileen Farrell	1991

36	Those Giants of Jazz	Johnny Blowers	1991
37	One Man in His Time	Spike Robinson	1991 February
38	Zinno w/ LaSpina	Marian McPartland	1991 Feb. 9
39	LaSpina	Unidentified	1991 Feb. 9
40	Chatham, NJ	John Bunch	1991 Feb. 10
41	Lawson/Haggart Jazz Band	Unidentified	1991 March 5
42	John Bunch – Don Thompson Montreal Bistro	John Bunch (p) Don Thompson (b)	1991 Mar. 27
43	Side A: Steve Allen, Bill Dana and Pat Harrington comedy sketches, Side B: John Bunch and Don Thompson at Montreal Bistro	Steve Allen, John Bunch (p)	1991 Mar. 27
44	John Bunch Trio	John Bunch (p)	1991 April 21
45	John Bunch Trio	John Bunch (p)	1991 April 21

Box 3

Cassette #	Title	Leader	Date
46	Terry and Steve	John Bunch	1991 April 21
47	New York Swing	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g), Jay Leonhart (b)	1991 June 15
48	Unidentified	Peter Appleyard	1992 Mar. 30
49	Peter Appleyard & Friends	Peter Appleyard	1992 Mar. 30
50	John Bunch w. Rod Cradit at San Luis Rey Downs	John Bunch (cl)	1992 June 16
51	John Bunch appearance on M. Rapchak Show	John Bunch	1992 Sept. 12
53	Sam Ulano's Trio	Sam Ulano	1993
54	Gemini Bash #11	John Bunch (p)	1993 June 12
55	Harry Allen	Harry Allen (ts)	1993 Sept. 3
56	Allen-Bunch-Holoday-Riggs	Harry Allen (ts)	1993 Sept. 11
57	Allen-Bunch-Holoday-Riggs	Harry Allen (ts)	1993 Sept. 11
58	Rapchak show	John Bunch	1993 Sept. 19
59	Kenny Davern	Kenny Davern (cl)	1993 Nov. 19
60	Kenny Davern	Kenny Davern (cl)	1993 Nov. 19
61	Zinno's	John Bunch	1993 Dec.
62	Around New York	John Bunch	1993 Dec. 7
63	Kenny Davern – Ed's 75 th #1	Kenny Davern (cl)	1994 May 8
64	Kenny Davern – Ed's 75 th #1	Kenny Davern (cl)	1994 May 8

65	Unidentified	John Bunch	1994 Aug. 22
66	Unidentified	Scott Hamilton	1994 Sept. 20
67	Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling	Unidentified	1994
68	Jazz Special	Chur	1995 Jan. 25
69	Zinno's – Bucky/John/Jay	New York Swing	1995 April 10
70	Kenny Davern and Those Rhythm Men	Kenny Davern (cl)	1995 June
71	Gemini Bash #13 Band	John Bunch (p)	1995 June 8
72	Trio at the Cornerstone	John Bunch	1995 July 12
73	Haggart, Bucky and Bunch	Unidentified	1995 Nov.
74	Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling	Joe Williams (special guest) and various other artists	1995
75	At the Cornerstone 1 of 2	John Bunch	1996 Mar. 20
76	John Bunch Trio	John Bunch (p)	1996 Mar. 20
77	At the Cornerstone 2 of 2	John Bunch	1996 Mar. 20
78	At the Cornerstone 2 of 2	John Bunch	1996 Mar. 20
79	John Bunch Trio	John Bunch (p)	1996 Mar. 20
80	Unidentified	John Bunch	1996 Mar. 20
81	Art of Sound	John Bunch	1996 Oct. 3
82	Art of Sound	John Bunch	1996 Oct. 3
83	New York Swing S/S	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g),	1996 Oct. 27
	Norway	Jay Leonhart (b)	
84	New York Swing S/S	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g),	1996 Oct. 28
	Norway	Jay Leonhart (b)	
85	New York Swing	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g),	1996 Oct. 30
		Jay Leonhart (b)	
86	New York Swing	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g),	1996 Oct. 30-31
		Jay Leonhart (b)	
87	John Bunch	Unidentified	1996 Nov. 4
88	John Bunch	Unidentified	1996 Nov. 4-6
89	Unidentified	Unidentified	1996 Nov. 20
90	John Bunch Special	John Bunch	1996 Dec.

Box 4

Cassette #	Title	Leader	Date
91	Groove James – John bunch	John Bunch (p)	1997 Jan. 16
92	Jazz at Lost Tree – Jim Dunn Jazz Party	John Bunch (p)	1997 Mar. 20
93	Jazz at Lost Tree – Jim Dunn Jazz Party	John Bunch (p)	1997 Mar. 20

94	At the Cornerstone	John Bunch	1997 Mar. 26
95	At the Cornerstone	John Bunch	1997 Mar. 26
96	John Bunch, Tony DeNicola, Bill Holaday at Cornerstone	John Bunch (p), Bill Holaday (b), Tony DeNicola (d)	1997 April 9
97	John Bunch, Tony DeNicola, Bill Holaday at Cornerstone	John Bunch (p), Bill Holaday (b), Tony DeNicola (d)	1997 April 9
98	New York Swing	John Bunch (p), Bucky Pizzarelli (g), Jay Leonhart (b)	1997 June 9
99	Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling	Unidentified	1997
100	Jazz at L.T.C. Set 1	Scott Hamilton	1998 Mar. 10
101	Jazz at L.T.C. Set 2	Scott Hamilton	1998 Mar. 10
102	Cornerstone	John Bunch	1998 May 27
103	At Cornerstone	John Bunch	1998 May 27
104	Shanghai	John Bunch	1998 Nov. 25
105	At Shanghai 2 of 2	John Bunch	1998 Nov. 25
106	Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling	Unidentified	1998
107	Brecon Festival	Ruby Braff	1999 August
108	Christmas Music: The Jazz Feeling	Unidentified	1999
109	Davern	John Bunch	2000 April 5
110	(3) Famous Door Albums	John Bunch	undated
111	All Takes	John Bunch	undated
112	Bunch – Flanigan Session	John Bunch (p), Phil Flanigan (b)	undated
113	Benny Goodman and Bobby Hackett – Together in Performance	Unidentified	undated
114	Big Time Jazz	Bob Haggart	undated
115	Unidentified	John Bunch	undated
116	Chips Singing	Unidentified	undated
117	Unidentified	Cleo Lane or Jane Monheit	undated
118	Pinah	John Bunch	undated
119	Domingo, Bob Porter Show	Pavarotti, John Williams/ Eugene Ormandy	undated
120	I Giganti del Jazz	Unidentified	undated
121	Jazz Party	Ruby Braff	undated
122	John's Other Bunch	John Bunch	undated
123	Love Scenese	Diana Krall	undated
124	Merry Christmas Nat and Frank	Unidentified	undated

125	Muzak 4 to 140 (John Bunch Charts	Unidentified	undated
126	Nicol Williamson and Friends	Unidentified	undated
127	Ruby Braff Quartet	Ruby Braff (cornet)	undated
128	Compilation	Unidentified	undated
129	Some English Songs	Colm O'Sollivan	undated
130	Then I Wrote	Johnny Mercer	undated
131	Vegas Jam	Unidentified	undated
132	BG Bunch	Unidentified John Bunch (p)	1973 June undated

Series II: Compact Discs (1978-2009, bulk 1996-2009)

This series includes compact discs of John Bunch's live performances, recording sessions, and radio appearances.

Box 5

CD #	Title	Leader	Date
1	Ruby Braff	Ruby Braff	1978
2	The Children of Lir	Robert Lamb w/National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland	1996
3	John Bunch at Cornerstone	John Bunch	1998
4	John Bunch at Cornerstone	John Bunch	1998
5	John Bunch Solo Concert	John Bunch	2002 Apr. 20
6	St. Louis Swing	Unidentified	2002 Nov. 11
7	John Bunch – Solo Piano	John Bunch	2003 Feb. 5
8	John Bunch – Solo Piano	John Bunch	2003 Feb. 5
9	John Bunch – Solo Piano	John Bunch	2003 Feb. 5
10	Jazzy Night Thursday with DJ HiHi	DJ HiHi	2004 May 6
11	Age 21	Dave Bennett	2005
12	Jazz in the Starlight Room	John Bunch	2005 Oct. 22
13	John Bunch Trio with Warren Vache	John Bunch	2005 Nov. 14
14	John Bunch Trio with Warren Vache	John Bunch	2005 Nov. 15
15	Don't Look Back	Warren Vache	2005 Dec. 16
16	Jazzy Night Thursday	DJ HiHi	2006 Jan. 19
17	Let Me Sing	Annie Ross	2006 Jan. 25
18	New York Swing at Bridgewater	Unidentified	2006 Jan. 28
19	Jazzy Night Thursday with DJ HiHi on 78.9	DJ HiHi	2006 Aug. 6
20	John Bunch Trio on 78.9FM	John Bunch	2007 May 3
21	NY4 on 78.9	Unidentified	2007 Aug. 3

22	John Bunch/Irving Berlin	John Bunch	2008
23	John Bunch	John Bunch	2008 Feb. 20
24	John bunch	John bunch	2008 Feb. 21
25	John Bunch Trio Plus Frank Wess	John Bunch	2008 Dec. 25
26	Jazzy Night Thursday with DJ HiHi	DJ HiHi	2009 Jan. 29
27	John Bunch Session CD	John Bunch	2009 Dec. 29
28	Can't We Be Friends		
29	Remembering Conrad Salinger	Unidentified	undated
30	An Evening at the Cornerstone	John Bunch	undated

Series III: LPs (1971, 1977, and undated)

The LPs series includes recordings of John Bunch playing with musicians, such as Al Cohn, Urbie Green, Woody Herman, and others. The original album identifiers were retained.

Identifier	Musician(s)	Title
JB LP I	John Bunch, Al Cohn, Milt Hinton, Milt Hinton, Urbie Green, Mouse Alexander	First side: John Bunch, Love You Madly, Who Cares? Second side: Cecily, Isfahan, Just Friends
JB LP II	Eddie Barefield with John Bunch	
JB LP III	John Bunch Quartet	First side: Slick Funk, Sleepin' Bee, More Than You Know, Cherry Second Side: Blue Bossa, Samantha, There is No Greater Love
JB LP IV	John Bunch with George Mraz (b), Cal Collins (g)	Jubilee, 1977
JB LP V	Charlie Ventura and John Bunch	Unidentified
JB LP VI	Cal Collins (g), John Bunch (p), Mike Moore (b), Connie Kay (d)	Unidentified
JB LP VII	Carmen Leggio, Butch Miles, Milt Hinton, John Bunch	Unidentified
JB LP VIII	John Bunch and Al Cohn	First side: Four Flights Up
JB LP IX	John Bunch and Kurt Weill	First side: Westwind, Lost in the Stars, There's Nowhere to Go But Up, Le Roi D'Aquitaine, Johnny's Song (Listen to My Song), Speak Low, Second Side: Alabama Song, Soerbaja Johnny, My Ship, September Song, Oh Heart of Love, This Is Now
JB LP X	Woody Herman, 1971	Unidentified
JB LP XI	John's Other Bunch – The John Bunch Quartet with Scott	First Side: I Would Do Anything, I'll Take New York, Lotus Blossom, The

	Hamilton and Warren Vache	Man I Love, Second Side: Seventh Ave. Scene, My Baby Just Cares For Me, This Can't Be Love
JB LP XII	Phil Wilson	First Side: Outrageous Mother, Nostalgia (solo trombone exercise), Famous Door, Second Side: These Are The Days, When It's Sleepy Time Down South, There'll Never Be Another You