Folk New England Ephemera Collection

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**Inventory**

Albert Grossman Productions
ca.
Folder 1
Promotional flyer, including Peter, Paul and Mary, Ian and Sylvia, and Odetta.

Ash Grove (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Folder 2
Coffeehouse poster
1964 Feb. 23-May 23
Poster
The Ash Grove was a long-time folk club founded and managed by Ed Pearl at 8162 Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles between 1958 and 1973. Roughly the West Coast equivalent of the “Club 47,” it featured some of the best-known traditional music performers in America. FNE audio collection includes audience tapes on CD of Kathy and Carol live at the Ash Grove in 1964 and 1967

2nd Annual UCLA Folk Festival Program
ca.1964
Poster
Largely the brainchild of Ed Pearl of the Ash Grove, therefore listed here.

Baez, Joan

Folder 3
See Folklore Productions, 1961 Concert Series poster

Concert Poster with Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs for Folklore Productions, designed by Eric Von Schmidt
1962 Jan. 15
Photocopy of Concert Poster for Folklore Productions, Donnelley Memorial Theatre
1963 Apr. 20
With Bob Dylan: Large concert tour poster by Eric Von Schmidt
1964 Mar. 6
Bikel, Theodore

Folder 4
Theodore Bikel! [Folklore Production concert poster]
ca.1966 Nov. 20
One of Manny Greenhill's "long form" posters, some of which were designed by Eric Von Schmidt. Sunday night concert at Symphony Hall, Nov. 22, therefore probably 1966.

**Theodore Bikel Concert**  
ca.1961  
Brandeis Folk Festival

**Folder 5**  
First Annual Brandeis Folk Festival Poster  
1963 May 10-11  
Poster  

**Second Annual Brandeis Folk Festival**  
1964 Apr. 25  
Poster  
Reverend Gary Davis, Jim Kweskin and the Jug Band, etc. Refer to Broadside issues.

**Burke Family Singers**  
ca.1964  
Folder 6  
Cabale (Berkeley, Calif.)  
1963 June  
Folder 7  
The Cabale  
1963 June  
Calendar  
Schedule poster sent to the Club 47, postmarked in Oakland June 5, 1963. Berkeley coffeehouse founded by Boston/Cambridge folk singers Rolf Cahn and Debbie Green, at 2504 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley, California.

**Carawan, Guy**  
ca.1964  
Folder 8  
Guy Carawan sings American folk songs: guitar, banjo, recorder  
ca.1964  
Flier  
Promotional flier for influential folksinger (1927-2015) who introduced "We Shall Overcome" to students at the Highlander Folk School and appeared at Chicago and New York coffeehouses, and the Newport Folk Festival, and recorded for Folkways Records.

**Charles River Valley Boys**  
1962  
Folder 9  
Xerox of liner notes (booklet) from their Mt. Auburn album

**Choquette, Michel**  
ca.1963  
Folder 10  
An unusual purveyor of nonsense  
ca.1963  
Flier  
Promotional flier for French Canadian singer/satirist who played at the Club 47.

**Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem**  
ca.1961 Apr. 14  
Folder 11  
Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem  
ca.1961 Apr. 14  
Poster

Club 47 (Cambridge, Mass.)
1961-1968
Folder 12
Calendars
1961-1968
Multiple originals and copies of calendars, posters, menus, and concert notices, catalogued separately. Digitized scans of all known calendars. Printer's acetates of calendars and posters.

Children's Concerts
c.a.1962-1965
Folder 13
Four Club 47 Children's Concert posters, designed by Byron Lord Linardos.

Concerts
c.a.1963-1966
Folder 14
Multiple Xeroxes and 5 original copies of concerts sponsored by Club 47.

Classical and Early Music Programs
1963-1966
Folder 15
Five original programs or posters.

Exhibitions, Theater
c.a.1960-1963
Folder 16
Two original posters of an art exhibit at 47 Mt. Auburn and a theatre production.

Matchbook
c.a.1964
Folder 17
Smoke 'em if you got 'em

Collins, Judy
1964, 1966
Folder 18
Time magazine photocopy that opens with a typical "can't-tell-the-boys-from-the- girls" jab at folk beatniks, then goes on to praise the singing of Judy Collins.; supplied by her manager, Harold Leventhal
1964 Aug. 7
Promotional flyer from the "Know Where Theatre," ("America's First Contemporary Folk Theatre") in Illinois.
1964
Flier
Judy Collins concert at Symphony Hall in Boston. Unicorn Coffee House Production [Unicorn Coffehouse production; with ticket stub]
1966 Mar. 11
Brochure
Commonwealth Rag Pickers
1964 May 16
Folder 19
Guess Which Ones are the Commonwealth Rag Pickers
1964 May 16
Poster
Flyer for concert at the Community Church Art Center on Boylston Street in Boston. Dave Friedel, Tom Clark, Tony Ackermann, Fred Barron, and Huck White. Broadside review 4/1/64

Deller, Alfred
1962
Folder 20
Alfred Deller, Counter-tenor, Desmond Dupré lute
ca.1962 Dec. 1
Flier
Concert promo-flyer for Manny Greenhill-produced concert at Jordan Hall, probably 1962. Deller performed early British ballads in a somewhat formal setting, accompanied by lute, and was recorded on Vanguard prior to 1962.

Dobson, Bonnie
1962
Folder 21
Bonnie Dobson
c.a.1962
Poster
Large Manny Greenhill promo poster, designed by Eric Von Schmidt, arguably the most attractive design of the set, featuring Bonnie as "The Queen of Hearts."

Dunlop, Helen
1961
Folder 22
Helen Dunlop, singer of folk songs
c.a.1961
Brochure
Promotional flyer for a singer of international folk songs, who was apparently based in New York City.

Dylan, Bob
1961-1964
Folder 23
Folklore Center presents Bob Dylan In his first New York concert
1961 Nov. 4
Brochure
Program for Bob Dylan's first concert at Carnegie Chapter Hall, a small 100-seat venue which was half-empty for the performance. Israel Young reportedly lost several hundred dollars on the venture. Program features mention of Boston-area musicians Jim "Queskin," Eric Von Schmidt, and Peter Stampfel as major influences on young Bob.

In concert: Bob Dylan. . . Tufts University (reportedly the artist was a no-show)
1963 Mar. 7
Poster
Bob Dylan
c.a.1964
Poster
Generic form of a concert poster, no venue cited. Likely from 1964

See also poster for concert with Joan Baez, designed by Eric von Schmidt

Elliott, Jack
1961-1964
Folder 24
Rambling Jack Elliott
c.a.1963
Poster
Promotional poster for Manny Greenhill's Folklore Productions. Uncredited, but with much of the "look" of Eric Von Schmidt's work. Elliott is described in almost wanted-poster style as "globe trotter, raconteur, first-class guitar-picker, comedian, singer of Woody Guthrie songs, mountain ballads and folk songs, Jimmy Rodgers blues and yodels, and country and western songs."

Folklore Center, New York

Folder 25
Located on 110 MacDougal St. in Greenwich Village, the brainchild of Israel Young, and daytime nerve center of the New York folk scene. "Folk Music Guides" were national lists of folk music venues and schedules, by state, at an early stage in the Folk Revival.

Folklore Center Folk Music Guide: promo
1959 Aug.
Brochure
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide
1959 Oct.
Brochure, 24 pp.
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide, promo flyer
1959 Nov.
Brochure
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide
1959 Nov.
Brochure, 16 pp.
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide
1959 Dec.
Brochure, 24 pp.
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide
1960 Jan.
Brochure, 16 pp.
Folklore Center Folk Music Guide, Catalogue
ca.1963
Brochure
Folklore Productions

Folder 26
Manuel Greenhill, 176 Federal St., Boston

Folklore Productions, 1961 Folklore Concert Series
1961
Poster
Folklore Productions, 1962 Concert Series poster
1962
Poster
Country Music: Doc Watson -- Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys
1964 Oct. 31
Poster
Brownie McGhee and Sonny Terry, Rev. Gary Davis, Barbara Dane, Johnny Hammond, Eric Von Schmidt, John Hancock Hall
1960 Jan. 8
Poster
Lester Flatt and Early Scruggs
undated
Flier
Fox Hollow Festival
1965 Aug. 21
Folder 27
Fox Hollow Festival

Poster of program for August 18-21, 1965, including Canterbury Country Orchestra, Golden Ring, and paintings exhibited by Anna Mary "Grandma" Moses.

Forty Folk Singers
undated
Folder 28
Forty Folk Singers

Photocopy of promo for event including Eric Von Schmidt

Freeman, Ed
Folder 29
Promotional flyer
cia.1964
Guitar lessons: See "Broadside" columns
1964
Friends of Old Time Music
1964 Dec.
Folder 30
Friends of Old Time Music
cia.1964 Dec. 13
Poster for FOTM Concert, Doc Boggs and Mississippi John Hurt, NYC.

Greenhill, Mitch
1962
Folder 31
Mitch Greenhill
cia.
Promotional flyer, designed by Eric Von Schmidt.

Hootenanny Magazine
1964
Folder 32
Hootenanny Magazine
cia.1964
Xerox of front cover.

The Ice House
undated
Folder 33
The Ice House

Mailer to Byron Inardos from Pasadena venue

Kweskin, Jim

Folder 34
Cafe Yana poster
1963 Sept. 11-14
Concert Poster for Sanders Theatre
3 copies
Concert Poster for Jordan Hall "Garden Of Joy." Eric Von Schmidt design
1965 Jan. 12-13
8 copies
Lenz, Peter, and Phil Lyons

Folder 35
Poster for show at Community Church in Boston
1963 Dec. 1
Lilly Brothers
undated
Folder 36
Lilly Brothers

Photocopy of Folklore Productions promo flyer

The Main Point (874 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.)
Folder 37
Coffeehouse flyer, including Kheskin Band
1964 Aug. 31-Oct. 15
Coffeehouse flyer, including Dayle Stanley
1964 May 7-30
Makeba, Miriam
1963 Mar. 5
Folder 38
Miriam Makeba
1963 Mar. 5
Concert flyer, Symphony Hall, Folklore Productions

McPeake Family
1962 Feb. 27
Folder 39
McPeak Family
1964 Feb. 27
Concert flyer, Jordan Hall, Folklore Productions

Mariposa Folk Festival
1964
Folder 40
Mariposa Folk Festival
1964
Very large 1964 promotional/schedule poster.

Mills, Alan and Jean Carignan
1964
Folder 41
Alan Mills and Jean Carignan
ca.
Promotional poster, Folklore Productions

The Moon Cusser

Folder 42
Martha's Vineyard Coffeehouse Circuit Avenue. See also: Moon Cusser Schedule

Bud and Travis, small poster
undated
Carolyn Hester and Mark Spoelstra
undated
2 copies
Ramblin' Jack Elliott and The Charles River Valley Boys
undated
3 copies
Laminated sign "Moon Cusser Hootenanny"
undated
Morier, Johnny
1963
Folder 43
Johnny Morier
ca.1963
Promotional booklet

Mon Ami Folk Concert
undated
Folder 44
Mon Ami Folk Concert
undated
Orange, California
New Lost City Ramblers

Folder 45
Poster, Von Schmidt design and David Gahr photo
undated
Poster: Folklore Productions
undated
Undated announcement for NLCR Songbook, by Oak Publications
c.a.1965
Newport Folk Festival

Folder 46
1963 Program Flyer
1963
Photocopy of 1960 program
1960
New World Singers
1964
Folder 47
New World Singers
c.a.1964
Promo brochure, Happy Traum, Bob Cohen, Gil Turner

Ochs, Phil
1964
Folder 48
Phil Ochs
1964
The Phil Ochs Songbook, Oak Publications

Odetta
1964 Jan. 26
Folder 49
Odetta
1964 Jan. 26
Concert Flyer, Jordan Hall, Folklore Productions.

Orleans Coffeehouse

Folder 50
13 Charles Street, Boston
Playbill for Shubert Theatre Production of "West Side Story," with Orleans advertisement

Philadelphia Folk Festival

Folder 51
Small 1963 flyer/schedule
1963
Large 1964 poster/schedule
1964
Red Garter
Red Garter

Flyer about opening in Boston

Ritchie, Jean
1963
Folder 53
Jean Ritchie
c.1963
Promotional brochure.

Rush, Tom

Folder 54
LyCornu Records Promo "Tom Rush Live at The Unicorn"
1962
Leverett House Art Festival Poster
1962 May
Concert poster, Jordan Hall
1964 Jan. 15
Concert poster, Back Bay Theatre
1968 Apr. 20
Two concert posters for October 7 196? Symphony Hall concert
1967 Oct. 7
Arthur Gorson promo card
undated
Various stickers for concerts
undated
Second Fret (Philadelphia, Pa.)
1964
Folder 55
Second Fret
c.1964
Schedule Poster, including Kwskin Band and Ray Pong.

Simone, Nina
Nov. 27
Folder 56
Nina Simone
Nov. 27
Concert poster, at Symphony Hall in Boston

Sing Out Hootenanny
1963 Sept. 21
Folder 57
Sing Out Hootenanny
1963 Sept. 21
Single Sheet program for Carnegie Hall event, including Charles River Valley Boys, "Jim Kwekkin and the Hub Tub and Jug Band", and Tony Salean.

Sky, Patrick
undated
Folder 58
Patrick Sky
undated
Promo poster
Spike's Group

Folder 59
Spike Holden Jeff Gutcheon, Dave Barry: Promo poster. Played at Club 47 undated
Stanley, Dayle (Ramona Murray) undated
Folder 60
Dayle Stanley undated
Promo poster

Syracuse Folk Festival 1964 Mar. 20-22
Folder 61
Syracuse Folk Festival 1964 Mar. 20-22 Poster.

Travelers Three 1964
Folder 62
Travelers Three ca.1964
Promo poster, for Elektra folk trio based in Eugene, Oregon.

The Tripjacks 1964
Folder 63
Tripjacks ca.1964
Promo poster for Boston folk group, Phil Miller, Harry Mitchell, Len Phillips.

Turk's Head (Orleans, Mass.) 1967
Folder 64
Turks Head ca.1967
Xerox of July schedule.

Unicorn Coffeehouse

Folder 65
Hootenany Winner poster: Holy Modal Rounders. undated
Hootenanny Poster undated
Washington, Jackie (Jack Landron)

Folder 66
Spanish language poster, Folklore Productions, designed by Eric Von Schmidt ca.1963
Concert poster, Jordan Hall 1964 Jan. 18

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