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Guide to Collection

**Juneau Jazz and Classics, 1987- [ongoing]**

**MS 293**

1 box

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

Juneau Jazz and Classics was started in 1986 by Linda Rosenthal, a known violinist, who sought to bring classical music to remote Juneau. Linda, together with folk musician Bob Banghart and other musicians and community members coordinated the first annual festival in May of 1987. The festival has since expanded to include Jazz, Blues, and Gospel music. Free and ticketed performances and workshops in various venues throughout Juneau comprise the week-long festival.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Linda Rosenthal came from a family of amateur string musicians, and developed a love for playing the violin, beginning at age six. In 1969, she and her new husband, violinist Paul Rosenthal, drove up from California and ended up living permanently in Alaska, primarily in Southeast.

In 1972, Paul Rosenthal founded the plus forty year old classical music festival in Sitka: "The Sitka Summer Music Festival was founded in 1972 by violinist Paul Rosenthal, a then aspiring artist just completing instruction at the University of Southern California with master violinist Jascha Heifetz. Mr. Rosenthal, a native New Yorker, began playing violin at three. He studied with Dorothy DeLay at The Juilliard School, Ivan Galamian and Josef Gingold prior to coaching with Heifetz" [from the Sitka Summer Music Festival Website].

Inspired, Linda Rosenthal began with an idea to expand "From Classical to Jazz" in a five day festival in Juneau. She worked with Bob Banghart and other community members to create a festival that brings renowned classical, jazz, and blues musicians to Juneau annually for 16 days. [From Juneau Empire articles by Amy Fletcher, Juneau Empire (9/2/2015, 11/11/2010), and Mike Dunham, Alaska Dispatch News, 2/5/2011]]

See master file for more biographical information about Linda and Paul Rosenthal, directors and founders of several music festivals in Alaska.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Jazz and Classics music festival programs

## INVENTORY

Programs: 1987-present (2008 missing)

Duplicates: 1987

Extras (brochures, flyers, postcards): 1990, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2001, 20014, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016