Les Chanteurs Acadiens Photograph Collection

MCC-00515

Total Boxes: 2 +2 Scrapbooks
Linear Feet: 3.79 ft

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Shelf List Number: UM-515, UP-515

Collection Overview

Creators

Le Chanteurs Acadiens
Ann Perreault-Levesque

Dates

1988-2007

Extent

2 scrapbooks
1 framed photograph
1 unframed photograph
1 framed sign “Les Chanteurs Acadiens un souvenir $10.00
1 envelope of photographs

Provenance

Donated by Charles Stewart/Les Chanteurs

Language

English
French

Conservation Notes

Scrapbooks kept in their original format to preserve the objects. One photograph and sign left in their respective frames. Handle with care.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

None

Physical:

None

Technical:

None

Rights Statement

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

At the request of the president of the University of Maine at Fort Kent, “Les Chanteurs Acadiens” was formed in January 1988 to honor and promote the local Acadian-French culture and traditional French and Acadian folk songs at the Annual French Heritage Festival of UMFK. the first of which was held in the Spring of 1988. -Taken from page in first scrapbook

Since then the group has grown to as many as eight members but currently only has three members at the time his collection was donated (August 2022). The group has performed at events and functions such as UMFK’s board of Trustees meeting, Van Buren-St. Leonard’s “Celebration de la Grande Riviere, the Acadian Festival, and at the capitol building for the Maine State Legislature. The group has also recorded multiple albums, some of which the archive has in their collection as well as for sale. The current three remaining members of the “Les Chanteurs Acadiens” are Charles Stewart, Don Levesque, and Roger Damboise.

Ann Perreault-Levesque, a former member of the musical group, created these scrapbooks and after she died in 2014 (Bangor Daily News obituary), the scrapbooks came into the hands of Charles Stewart who donated the collection on behalf of the musical group.

Scope and Content

This collection is mostly made up of photographs and memorabilia/programs from various performances by Les Chanteurs Acadiens as well as a brief biography of how

the group was formed and its members at the time. Copies of songs and their origins were also pasted into the scrapbook as are thank you letters from people who watched their performances. The scrapbooks content appear to be organized more by material than dates as some of the materials skip between different years.

Arrangement

This series has been split into three series: scrapbooks, framed photographs, and loose photographs. When the processing archivist came across this collection, the materials were grouped together on a shelf, which may not have been the original order, but in creating these series, the processing archivist tried to keep close to the collection's original order.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not Applicable

Subject Headings

Acadian music
Chanteurs Acadiens (band)
Folk music
French Heritage Festival

Related Materials

Les Chanteurs Acadiens music/recorded performances:

Title	**Call number**
25e anniversaire	CDisc C459an
Chansons de par icitte	CDisc C459ic
Originals & traditionnels	CDisc C459or
…en chansons	CDisc C459en
Ô grand Madawaska : Témiscouata, Madawaska,	DVD F27 .O47 2013 [Fr]
Aroostook présenté par Congrès Mondial Acadien	
2014, Les Cartons D'Artémis	
Dolores Blanchette; Kitchen party at the Fort Kent	DVD F27.S35 D65 2015
Senior Citizen Center	
Un souvenir de Noël	Audio M1678.c43 S68 1994

Title	Call number
Evengeline, Un souvenir	Audio M1678.C43 E9 1991
Turkey train, Fort Kent; B&A Fish River run;	DVD F27 .S35 T88 1988
Louis Berbe, St. John Maine; Fort Kent Historical	
Society Annual breakfast; Donley basketball	
Bud Gage: French Heritage festival, Fort Kent, Maine	DVD F27 .S35 B8 1988
Roger Dambouse wood cuttings, 1999-2001	MCC-00385
L'Acadie et la vallée St. Jean [kits 1-3]	

Collection Inventory

Series I: Scrapbooks

Scrapbook	Description	Date
1	Black scrapbook containing a brief bio about Les Chanteurs Acadiens, the origins of some of their songs, newspaper clippings, photographs, mail and other memorabilia from performances.	1988-1992
2	Green scrapbook containing thank you letters, programs/announcements for performances, newspapers, clippings, photographs, and other memorabilia.	2000-2007

Series II: Framed photographs

Box	Folder	Item	Description	Date
1		3	Framed photograph of Les Chanteurs Acadiens performing on stage with a white sheet and tree in the background. Gold tinted frame	Undated
1		4	1 framed sign "Les Chanteurs Acadiens un souvenir $10.00"	Undated
2	1	5	Photograph of four members of Les Chanteurs (no frame). Photo itself has some damage spots on top left corner.	Undated

Series III: Loose photographs

Box	Folder	Item	Description	Date
1	1	6-5	Photographs (in sleeves) of Les Chanteurs Acadiens performing in a room with an Acadian flag hanging in front of their music sheet stands. A group of people are standing off to the side watching the performance.	Undated