DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of photographs of musical performers and events associated with the Tucson Federation of Musicians. Images depict individual performers, bands & small groups, and large orchestras. Many of the photographs were taken by professional photographers in the Tucson area and appear to be publicity photos. Some of the individual performers highlighted in the collection include Al Lynn, Roy Green, and George Runquist. Groups and orchestras identified include John Gowen’s Rodeo Orchestra, Mariachi Tucsonense, Louis Leon Orchestra, Wayne Webb Orchestra, The Casuals, Jimmy Hinton’s Trio, Joe Montgomery’s Airliners, and Roy Ingram & the Four Notes. Most images contain no identification. Two folders depict the Musician Studio building and its renovation. Additional photos show representatives of the American Federation of Musicians meeting in Tucson in 1955 and Tucson parade floats staffed by local musicians.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Tucson Federation of Musicians was local 771 of the American Federation of Musicians located in Tucson Arizona from approximately 1942 until 2002. The organization supported local individual and group musicians in the Tucson area and had its offices at 620 S. 6th Ave. The local was initially called the American Federation of Musicians in the Tucson City Directory of 1942 and the name was revised to Tucson Federation of Musicians and later to Tucson Musicians Association by 1974. Ernie Lewis was a long time member and executive secretary of the local until his death in 1970.

ACQUISITION


ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2007.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1: Musicians Studio Building
f.2 Musicians Studio Building Construction  1947
f.3 Musician Conferences and Group Activities  1953-1960
f.4 International Conference of Musicians Meeting in Tucson  1955
f.5 Fund-Raising Drives
f.6 Musician Floats in Tucson Parades
f.7 Publicity Portraits (Women)
f.8 Publicity Portraits (Men)
f.9 Musician Individual Performances
f.10 Western and Mexican Musical Group Performances
f.11 Orchestra and Large Group Performances
f.12 Bands and Small Group Performances
f.13 Audiences at Performances
f.14 Group Scenes (MISC)
f.15 Visit By Santa Clause
f.16 Musical Advertisements and MISC
f.17 Open Spaces
f.18 Damaged Photos