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Title: Jean-Nickolaus Tretter's Night Rivers audiocassette collection
creator: Tretter, Jean-Nickolaus
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2012-169
Physical Description: 4 Linear Feet 205 audiocassettes, 1 folder.
Date (inclusive): 1988-1998
Abstract: This collection comprises audio recordings of Night Rivers, 1988-1998, a weekly gay and lesbian classical music radio program in Minnesota, produced and hosted by Jean-Nickolaus Tretter.

Biography
Jean-Nickolaus Tretter, born in 1946, is a gay activist and archivist who founded the Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Studies housed at the University of Minnesota. Tretter was also the 16-year host and producer of Night Rivers, a program on KFAI described as "the only regularly broadcast gay and lesbian classical music show in America."

Tretter grew up in Little Falls, Minnesota. By 1972, Tretter came out as a gay man and left the Navy, where he had served during Vietnam as a linguist. Tretter returned to the Twin Cities and co-organized the first Twin Cities commemoration of the Stonewall Riots in June 1972. Around that same time, Tretter began to collect gay and lesbian materials. He went on to study social and cultural anthropology at the University of Minnesota in 1973, but dropped out in 1976 and began working as a counselor at a residence for youths with multiple disabilities. Meanwhile, he continued to collect GLBT materials, advocate for GLBT causes and conduct research on GLBT history. In 2000, the Tretter Collection was donated to the University of Minnesota.

Source:

Conditions Governing Access
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Acquisition
Donor and date of collection unknown.

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Scope and Content
This collection comprises 205 audiocassette recordings of Night Rivers, 1993-1998, a weekly gay and lesbian classical music radio program on KFAI Fresh Air Radio in the Minneapolis/St.Paul area, produced and hosted by Jean-Nickolaus Tretter. Also included are weather report forms for the Twin Cities area, dated from 1988-1993.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged chronologically.

Separated Materials
Recorded episodes of This Way Out (call numbers #AC1518, #AC1519, #AC1520, #AC1521, #AC1522) from 1996 have been separated from the collection and cataloged into the ONE Archives audio collection.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Audiotapes
Classical music radio programs
Homosexuality on radio
Tretter, Jean-Nickolaus

**Item AC1523-AC1727  ** *Night Rivers 1993-1998*
Physical Description: 205 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1523-AC1528  ** 1993
Physical Description: 6 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1529-AC1570  ** 1994
Physical Description: 42 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1571-AC1621  ** 1995
Physical Description: 51 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1622-AC1682  ** 1996
Physical Description: 61 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1683-AC1709  ** 1997
Physical Description: 27 audiocassettes.

**Item AC1710-AC1727  ** 1998
Physical Description: 18 audiocassettes.

**Folder 1  ** *Weather forms 1988-1993*