The Virginia L. White Collection SPC.2018.054

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Physical Description: 12 boxes
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Scope and Contents
This collection is composed of photographs, posters, programs, tour materials, ephemera, and costumes related to Virginia White's tenure as a member of the Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers. The collection also contains several scrapbooks compiled by fellow Jubilee Singers member Jacquelyn Sebastian.

Historical Note
Virginia White is one of the original members of the Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers. She performed with the singers from their original concerts and tours in 1968 through the early 2000s.

The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers (AMJS), known as "America's foremost Negro choir," have played a significant role in the development of African American sacred music traditions in the United States and are among the most honored singing ensembles in the world. The AMJS was founded by choral director Albert McNeil. McNeil was inspired by the story of the Fisk University Jubilee Singers, an all black college choir founded in 1871, made up of four black men and seven black women who gained international fame traveling throughout the United States and Europe giving concerts singing four-part acappella arrangements of sacred songs called spirituals.

In 1968, the AMJS went on their first European tour. Since then, they have traveled the globe on 18 sold-out European tours, 12 tours of the United States and Canada, and tours of the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and South America. They were selected three times to serve the U.S. State Department and USIS Cultural Exchange Program, traveling to East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Iran, India, North and West Africa, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates.

Arrangement
The collection is divided into two series: 1) Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers, and 2) Jacquelyn Sebastian scrapbooks.

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McNeil (Albert J.) Collection, collection number SPC.2018.002

Subjects and Indexing Terms
African Americans--California--Los Angeles.
African American musicians
Gospel Music
Sacred music
Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers

Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers
box 1, folder 1
Articles featuring White 1971-1976
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box 1, folder 2  Church of Christian Fellowship 1972, 1981
Physical Description: 1 folder

box 1, folder 3  Correspondence with Albert McNeil 1975-1976
Physical Description: 1 folder

box 1, folder 4  Jubilee History 1974-1986
Physical Description: 1 folder

box 1, folder 5  Jubilee Singers Concert Programs, 1960s 1966-1969
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box 1, folder 8, box 2, folder 1  Jubilee Singers Concert Programs, 1990s 1990-1999
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box 2, folder 2  Jubilee Singers Concert Programs, 2000s 2000-2016
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box 2, folder 3  Los Angeles Jubilee Singers Day 1970
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box 2, folder 4  "Lyrics by Ira Gershwin" Benefit Concert 1975
Physical Description: 1 folder

box 2, folder 5  NANM Concert 2009
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box 2, folder 6  Plymouth Congregational Church 1989
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box 2, folder 8  1968 European Tour 1968
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2003 European Tour 2003
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2008 European Tour 2008
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2011 US Tour 2011
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Tour Itineraries circa 1980-2006
Physical Description: 1 folder

Sound disc (LP) - "Gospel Mass" circa 1980
Physical Description: 1 items

Sound disc (LP) - "Music of the Black Man in America" 1973
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Sound disc (LP) - "Songs of the Blacks, U.S.A' 1969
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Sound cassette - Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers 20th Anniversary Album circa 1989
Physical Description: 1 items

Sound cassette - Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers "Live" circa 1993
Physical Description: 1 items

Sound disc (CD) - The Essential Recordings - 40 Years of Jubilee! 2009
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Tour and Performance Scrapbook 1 1968-1984
Physical Description: 1 box

Tour and Performance Scrapbook 2 1967-1966
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Personal photos and note 1961, undated
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Jubilee Singers Concert 1968
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**Jacquelyn Sebastian scrapbooks**
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box 9, folder 2  US, Mexico, and South American Tour 1978
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box 10, folder 4  1977 Tour - Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Oman, Cyprus, Greece 1977
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