Guide to the Kerrigan Black Papers, 1963-1993

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Access Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Riggs, Marlon.
Black Gay Men United.
African Americans--Music.
Gay musicians.
Afro-American musicians.
Terkel, Studs.
The Kerrigan Black Show. Tryin' to get home.

Carton 1, Folder 1  Biographical information: resumes and promotion biographies, diplomas, genealogy, TD Black (father), Black Gay Men United, obituaries.
Carton 1, Folder 2  Song compositions. Book 1 (A-N)
Carton 1, Folder 3  Song compositions. Book 2 (O-Z), unfinished songs, "For-A-Song" business.
Carton 2, Folder 1  Writings: published articles, newspaper writings, essays, "Impatient for Luck", interviews, letters.
Carton 3, Folder 1  "Trying To Get Home": Performances, programs, newspaper notices, song lists, business correspondence, song lyrics, monologues, outline and production, contracts with Ralph Pavone.
Carton 3, Folder 2  "Trying To Get Home": Teachers Guide, letters of appreciation, canceled contracts due to death, contracts through young audiences.
Carton 4, Folder 1  "Adventures in Music" (AIM) Program [1989-1990].
Carton 4, Folder 1  "Music Talks!" [1991-1993].
Carton 4, Folder 1  "Music Talks!" Songs.
Carton 4, Folder 1  Workshops with songs. "America Paints". Ross School Jazz Class. UC-extension, English language program. Hawthorne School, Black English program.
Carton 4, Folder 2  Publicity photos, club gigs, Song lists, set lists, Board and Care facilities.
Carton 4, Folder 3  Information material on: "Tryin' to get Home" (video), "The World that I see" (cassette tape), "Two Sides" (cassette tape), song writing classes, song plugging, Europe gigs - 1983, touring overseas, Ideas for songs and writings.
Box 5, Folder 1  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black television shows #s 1-4.
          Physical Description: (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 2  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black television show #4 -
          Physical Description: rough footage. (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 3  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black television shows #s 5-8.
          Physical Description: (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 4  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black television shows #s 9-12.
          Physical Description: (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 5  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black: La Pena, [6/17/90 Father's Day]. "Trying to get Home"
   Physical Description: original footage. (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 6  Video cassettes: Kerrigan Black: "Trying to get Home" @ Hansberry, Edgewood Children's Center.
   Physical Description: (2 hours)
Box 5, Folder 8  "Tryin' To Get Home: A History Of African American Song". Written and performed by Kerrigan Black. [1993]
Box 5, Folder 9  Kerrigan Black Memorial Service [March 27. 1993].
   Physical Description: (2 hours)
Box 6, Folder 1  Music cassettes: "When I Get To Have My Dream"
Box 6, Folder 2  Music cassettes: "Women in Distress"
Box 6, Folder 3  Music cassettes: "When I Finally Fall in Love"
Box 6, Folder 4  Music cassettes: "Someone is Watching Over Me", "He'll Never Let You Down", How Long has this Soul Been Traveling?", "I'm Goin' Home".
Box 6, Folder 5  Music cassettes: Interview re: Hawthorne Language Development. [1989]
Box 6, Folder 6  Music cassettes: Studs Terkel interviews Kerrigan Black. [1963/89]
Box 6, Folder 7  Music cassettes: Music for "Intro to Jazz"
Box 6, Folder 8  Music cassettes: Jazz Recordings for Lectures.
Box 6, Folder 9  Music cassettes: Jazz Lecture Music.
Box 6, Folder 10  Music cassettes: "Tryin' to get home".
Box 6, Folder 11  Music cassettes: "Tryin' to get home". SF Museum of Modern Art. [[1992]
Box 6, Folder 12  Music cassettes: "Children of the Night" in association with the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention.
Box 6, Folder 14  Music cassettes: Kerrigan Black: "Two Sides". [1984]
Box 6, Folder 15  Music cassettes: Kerrigan Black: "Ya Gotta Know Somethin' 'Bout History" and Hold on to Your Dream". [1991]
Box 6, Folder 16  Music cassettes: Kerrigan Black: "The World that I See" [1993]
Flat Box 7, Folder 1  Kerrigan Black T-Shirt: "Ya Gotta Know Somethin' 'Bout History So The World Isn't Just A Mystery!"
Flat Box 7, Folder 2  "The San Francisco Bay Guardian". [May 1-8, 1980]
Flat Box 7, Folder 3  "Express. The East Bay's Free Weekly". [December 14, 1990]