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Abstract: Contains correspondence, performance guides and a photo documenting a Poetry and Jazz session performed by Kenneth Patchen and 'New Bed of Roses Chamber Jazz Group' by jazz musician Johnny Wittwer.
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Acquisition Information

Biography
Jazz pianist Johnny (John) Wittwer contributed to the music scene in the West Coast during 1940's-1960's. Not only an interpreter of blues and ragtime tunes, he was an accomplished jazz performer sharing stage along side with such legends as jazz trombonist Kid Ory and poet Kenneth Patchen. He assembled and recorded during 1940's under Johnny Wittwer Trio, consisting of Joe Darenbourg, clarinet; Keith Purvis, drums, and Johnny Wittwer, piano.
Ace in the hole traditional. Two kinds of people: traditional. Hollywood, CA.: Jazz Man, recorded December 1945 (solo piano)


Joe's blues. Seattle, WA: Exner, 1950-1959 (Johnny Wittwer Trio)


Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
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[Johnny Wittwer (on the left) with a friend holding a "Poetry & Jazz: Kenneth Patchen" poster with empty pockets in Seattle] 1959