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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alan Day and Zachary Parker began discussing the formation of a band during the summer of 2001. Originally planned as a senior Drum & Bugle Corp, the founders decided to shift focus into becoming a performing musical organization focused on Kansas City's LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transsexual, and Ally) community. Mid America Freedom Band (MAFB) held its first rehearsal on April 18, 2002, at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in Kansas City with four musicians. That same year MAFB also became a proud, full member of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association, an organization consisting of dozens of similar bands across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

On November 15, 2003 MAFB, under the leadership of Zachary Parker, gave its first concert, *Journeys*, with only 13 local musicians aided by St. Louis' Band Together. MAFB in 2004 became incorporated as a non-profit entity and a board of directors took office in 2005. In 2006 the band added an annual holiday concert to the fall and spring season, as well as many other outreach events. The band that once numbered barely a half dozen grew to approximately 70+ members to include a volunteer rest section, concert band, marching band, and jazz band. In addition to its own concert series, MAFB has performed in outreach events in churches, nursing homes, parks, prides and parades.

Source: MAFB's website.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Mid America Freedom Band Collection was donated by the Kansas City-based organization in January 2015. Dating 2003 onward, the collection primarily consists of programs from MAFB concerts as well as promotional posters and flyers. Also included is select organizational information such as handbooks and by-laws from certain years, donation mailers, MAFB performances on DVD and CD formats, and miscellaneous ephemera and memorabilia such as two MAFB banners used at Pride events and three MAFB scrapbooks.

SERIES NOTES

Series I: Organizational Information

Material related to MAFB as an organization, including select handbooks and by-laws, as well as mailers for donation requests and a thank you card to a supporter. Box 1, folders 1 and 2.

Series II: Programs & Events

MAFB concert programs from 2004 onward (sorted by concert season), tickets to a few of those events, and other programs/events related to or involving MAFB. (For programs missing date and/or venue information, concert details were obtained from an archived list on the MAFB's website.) Box 1, folders 3-10, and box 2.

Series III: Audio/Visual

DVD and CD recordings of MAFB performances. Box 3.

Series IV: Ephemera & Memorabilia

MAFB miscellanea including a calendar, t-shirt, laminated sign, one photograph, two oversized banners used at Pride events, and three scrapbooks. Boxes 4 and 5; and Map Drawer 45.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | A. General MAFB flyer on history and formation of group MAFB Handbooks 2007-2008 2012-2013 (4 copies) MAFB By-Laws, January 2006 MAFB Business Cards (2 copies) |
| | 2 | B. Correspondence Thank you card and enveloped to Sandy Rodriguez for support of MAFB MAFB mailer, donating: letter, donation form, return envelope MAFB mailer, buying advertising/donating: letter, ad buying form, donation form, return envelope (2 copies) |

SERIES II: PROGRAMS & EVENTS

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 3 | A. Tickets [4 copies each] “My Favorite Things”, April 23, 2005; Paseo Academy “Odds & Evens”, March 31, 2007, Paseo Academy “Evolution; Discover the Music”, April 18, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza “Sounds of the Season”, December 13, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza “Discover the Classics”, October 25, 2008, Central Presbyterian Church |
| | 4 | B. Flyers/Posters [4 copies each, unless indicated otherwise] “Heroes & Villains”, November 19, 2005, Paseo Academy [Poster version (1 copy)] See Oversized Box 5 “Around the World in 80 Minutes”, April 22, 2006, Paseo Academy (2 copies) “Broadway: Then and Now”, November 11, 2006, Paseo Academy “Odds and Evens”, March 31, 2007, Paseo Academy “In the Mood for Espionage”, November 3, 2007, Paseo Academy “Mission Assignment”, business-card promo for “In the Mood for Espionage” |

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| | | “Discover Christmas”, December 21, 2008, Central Presbyterian Church (2 copies) |
| | | “Evolution: Discover the music”, April 18, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza |
| | | “Rainbow Revolution”, November 7, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza |
| | | “Spring Fling”, April 17, 2010, Unity Temple on the Plaza (1 copy) |
| | | “Out in Space”, November 13, 2010, Unity Temple on the Plaza |
| | | “Out in the Park”, June 18, 2011, Worlds of Fun |
| | | “A Night of Wicked Wonder”, October 22, 2011, Unity Temple on the Plaza |
| | | “Tenth Anniversary Celebration”, April 20, 2013, Unity Temple on the Plaza |
| | | “Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves”, October 19, 2014, J.C. Nichols Auditorium, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial [Poster version (1 copy)] See Oversized Box 5 |
| | | “Geeks Who Drink.” Trivia Night Fundraiser, December 10, 2014, Charlie Hooper’s |
| | | “Frozen Fantasia”, December 14, 2014 (1 copy) [Poster version (3 copies)] See Oversized Box 5 |
| | | “Casino Royale”, June 18/21/24/25, 2015, City Stage at Union Station [Poster version (2 copies)] See Oversized Box 5 |
| | | “Martinis & Music”, September 24, Flo’s Cabaret |
| 5 | | C. Concert Programs, 2003-2004 Season |
| | | “That’s Entertainment: Music of TV, Movies and Broadway”, April 17, 2004, Broadway Church (3 copies) |
| 6 | | D. Concert Programs, 2004-2005 Season |
| | | “Americana”, November 20, 2004, Central Presbyterian Church (4 copies) |
| | | “My Favorite Things”, April 23, 2005, Paseo Academy (3 copies) |
| 7 | | E. Concert Programs, 2005-2006 Season |
| | | “Heroes & Villains”, November 19, 2005, Paseo Academy (4 copies) |
| | | “Around the World in 80 Minutes”, April 22, 2006, Paseo Academy (3 copies) |
| 8 | | F. Concert Programs, 2006-2007 Season |
| | | “Broadway: Then and Now”, November 11, 2006, Paseo Academy |
| | | “Sounds of the Season: A Christmas Fanfare”, December 17, 2006, Trinity United Methodist Church (4 copies) |
| | | “Odds and Evens”, March 31, 2007, Paseo Academy (2 copies) |
| 9 | | G. Concert Programs, 2007-2008 Season |
| | | “Symphony of Freedom”, June 16, 2007, Theis Park (4 copies) |
| | | “In the Mood for Espionage”, November 3, 2007, Paseo Academy (4 copies) |

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| | | “In the Mood for Christmas”, December 16, 2007, Central Presbyterian Church (2 copies) |
| | | “In the Mood for that Big Band Sound”, April 5, 2008, Paseo Academy (2 copies) |
| 10 | | H. Concert Programs, 2008-2009 Season “Discover the Classics”, October 25, 2008, Central Presbyterian Church (2 copies) “Discover Christmas”, December 21, 2008, Central Presbyterian Church “Evolution: Discover the Music”, April 18, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) |
| 2 | 1 | I. Concert Programs, 2009-2010 Season “Sounds of the Season”, December 13, 2009, Unity Temple on the Plaza (2 copies) “Spring Fling”, April 17, 2010, Unity Temple on the Plaza (2 copies) |
| | 2 | J. Concert Programs, 2010-2011 Season “Together for the Holidays”, December 19, 2010, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) “Road Trip”, April 9, 2011, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) |
| | 3 | K. Concert Programs, 2011-2012 Season “A Night of Wicked Wonder”, October 22, 2011, Unity Temple on the Plaza (3 copies) “Holidays... and all that Jazz”, December 18, 2011 (4 copies) “Weather or Not...” April 14, 2012, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) |
| | 4 | L. Concert Programs, 2012-2013 Season “A Tribute to Walt”, October 20, 2012, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) “Vision of Sugarplums”, December 16, 2012, Unity Temple on the Plaza “Tenth Anniversary Celebration”, April 20, 2013, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) |
| | 5 | M. Concert Programs, 2013-2014 Season “The Art of Music”, October 20, 2013, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (4 copies) “Holidays around the World”, December 15, 2013, Unity Temple on the Plaza (4 copies) “Reading is Fundamental”, April 12, 2014, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (4 copies) |
| | 6 | N. Concert Programs, 2014-2015 Season “Mighty Mo Combo Presents A Campy Jazz Odyssey of Home Brewed Entertainment”, July 19, 20, 26, 2014 (2 copies) |

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| | | “Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves”, October 19, 2014, J.C. Nichols Auditorium, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial (3 copies) |
| | | “Frozen Fantasia”, December 14, 2014, J.C. Nichols Auditorium, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial (2 copies) |
| | | “Just Dance!” April 26, 2015, J.C. Nichols Auditorium, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial (4 copies) |
| 2 | 7 | O. Miscellaneous Programs & Events |
| | | “2009 Membership Banquet”, January 17, 2009, Central Presbyterian Church (3 copies) |
| | | “A Musical Passport”, LGBA Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 2010 |
| | | “Go West with a Twist”; Lesbian and Gay Band Association, Dallas, TX, September 15, 2012 |
| | | “Walk of Honor, Brick Dedication” November 11, 2013, National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial (4 copies) |
| | | “11 th Annual Fringe Festival”, July 12-26, 2015 |

SERIES III: AUDIO/VISUAL

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 3 | N/A | “The 12 Songs of Christmas, Saxophone Quintet”, December, 19, 2010, DVD |
| | | “Road Trip”, April 9, 2011, DVD |
| | | “A Night of Wicked Wonder”, October 22, 2011, DVD |
| | | “Weather or not...”, April 4, 2012, DVD |
| | | “Tenth Anniversary Celebration”, April 20, 2013, DVD |
| | | “The Art of Music” October 20, 2013, DVD |
| | | “Holidays around the World”, December 15, 2013, DVD |
| | | “Reading is Fundamental”, April 12, 2014, CD |
| | | “Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves”, October 19, 2014, CD |
| | | “Frozen Fantasia”, December 14, 2014, DVD (2 copies) |
| | | “Mighty Mo Combo”, DVD |
| | | “Mighty Mo Combo, vol. 2”, DVD |
| | | “Might Mo Combo, Greatest Hits”, CD |
| | | “Mighty Mo Combo Presents a Campy Jazz Odyssey of Home Brewed Entertainment”, 2014, DVD |
| | | “Mighty Mo Combo in Casino Royal” July 2015, CD (2 copies) |

SERIES IV: EPHEMERA & MEMORABILIA

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 4 | N/A | MAFB Scrapbook, 2003-2005 MAFB Scrapbook, 2006 |
| 5 | N/A | MAFB Scrapbook, 2007 MAFB Kansas City “Censored” Calendar, 2015 |

| Box | Folder | Description |
|------------|---------------|---|
| | | “Mighty Mo Combo” T-Shirt Mid America Freedom Band laminated sign Photograph, Mighty Mo Combo debut, October 8, 2011, Blues ‘n’ BBQ, Kansas City, Missouri |
| | | [Mid America Freedom Band Pride banner] located in Map Drawer 45 [“Show Me Your Pride” banner] located in Map Drawer 45 |