

Department of Parks and Recreation Bumbershoot Festival Records, 1973-1976

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator | Seattle (Wash). Dept. of Parks and Recreation |
| Title | Department of Parks and Recreation Bumbershoot Festival Records |
| Dates | 1973-1976 (inclusive) 1973 1976 |
| Quantity | 13 black and white photographic prints, (13 black and white contact sheets), (approximately 250 color slides), (127 digital image files) .8 cubic foot, (2 boxes) |
| Collection Number | 5807-05 |
| Summary | Records of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation relating to the Bumbershoot Festival. Includes paper records and photographs dating from 1974 to 1976. |
| Repository | Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov |
| Languages | English |

Historical Note

Bumbershoot, also known as the Seattle Festival for the Arts, was first organized in 1971. The festival features regional and national visual and performing arts. By 1973, Bumbershoot was a 10-day event with attendance at over 100,000; in 1977, it became a four-day festival held at the Seattle Center during Labor Day weekend. Originally free to the public, Bumbershoot began charging admission in 1980. Between 1971 and 1976 it was sponsored by the Seattle Center, the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Seattle Arts Commission.

Content Description

The Bumbershoot records of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation date from 1973 to 1976 and include minutes from the Executive Committee, a committee coordinating the three sponsoring agencies, and minutes for the Advisory Committee, a citizens' committee providing input on the Festival. However, a complete set of minutes does not exist for either committee. Also included are budget information, press releases, evaluations, and other information on the festival. The records

primarily reflect the involvement of Theresa Dinwiddie, Cultural Arts Coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation, in Bumbershoot.

Also included in the collection are photographs of the festival, including 3x5" black and white prints from 1974, black and white contact sheets for 1975, and approximately 250 color slides documenting the festival from 1973 to 1975. [View 5807-05](#)

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

For text materials:

[Item and date], Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Bumbershoot Festival Records, Record Series 5807-05. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

For photographs:

[Title of image, date. Item number.] Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation Bumbershoot Festival Records, Record Series 5807-05. Box [number], Folder [number]. Seattle Municipal Archives.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The materials are arranged in four subseries:

I: Bumbershoot Festival, 1974

II: Bumbershoot Festival, 1975

III: Bumbershoot Festival, 1976

IV: Color Slides

Processing Note

Slides are unprocessed.

Related Materials

Related collections include the records of the Seattle Arts Commission Bumbershoot Commission (1971-1985) located at the University of Washington Manuscripts Division and the Seattle Center Bumbershoot records (1973-1979) at the Seattle Municipal Archives.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Bumbershoot Festival, 1974

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
|--------------|---|-------|
| Box/Folder | | |
| 1/1 | Brochures/Programs | 1974 |
| 1/2 | Budget | 1974 |
| 1/3 | Correspondence | 1974 |
| Box/Folder | | |
| 1/4 | Dance | 1974 |
| 1/5 | Evaluations | 1974 |
| 1/6 | Executive Committee Meeting Minutes | 1974 |
| 1/7 | Committee Members and Program Coordinators | 1974 |
| 1/8 | Master Schedule | 1974 |
| 1/9 | Music | 1974 |
| 1/10 | National Endowment for the Arts Grant | 1974 |
| Box/Folder | | |
| 1/11 | Press Releases | 1974 |
| 1/12 | Video Documentation and Black and White Photographs | 1974 |

Bumbershoot Festival, 1975

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
|--------------|--|-----------|
| Box/Folder | | |
| 1/13 | Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws | 1975 |
| 1/14 | Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes | 1974-1975 |

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| 1/15 | Budget | 1975 |
| 1/16 | Brochures | 1975 |
| 1/17 | Correspondence | 1974-1975 |
| 1/18 | Evaluations | 1975 |
| 1/19 | General Information | 1975 |
| 1/20 | Organization Charts | 1975 |
| 1/21 | Photographers' Assignments and Black and White Contact Sheets | 1975 |
| 2/1 | Press Releases | 1975 |
| 2/2 | Weekly Reports | 1975 |

Bumbershoot Festival, 1976

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Box/Folder | | |
| 2/3 | Advisory Committee Minutes | 1976 |
| 2/4 | Correspondence | 1975-1976 |
| 2/5 | Evaluations | 1976 |
| 2/6 | Dance, Visual Arts, Theater | 1976 |
| 2/6 | Press Releases | 1976 |
| 2/8 | Budget | 1976 |

Color Slides

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Box | | |
| 3 | Color slides | 1973-1975 |

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Art festivals--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Music festivals--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Performing arts festivals--Washington (State)--Seattle

Personal Names :

Dinwiddie, Theresa

Corporate Names :

Bumbershoot Festival (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Contact sheets

Photographs

Slides

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Department of Parks and Recreation
 (creator)

Bumbershoot Festival (Seattle, Wash.). Advisory Committee
 (creator)

Bumbershoot Festival (Seattle, Wash.). Executive Committee
 (creator)

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