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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: The Eighth Step
Title: The Eighth Step Records
ID: apap195
Date [inclusive]: 1975-2003
Physical Description: 13.0 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The collection contains records of the the Eighth Step, an independent, non-profit organization which held held concerts of folk, traditional, ethnic, blues, and jazz music and was originally involved in and influenced by late 1960s politics.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:


Biographical History

Founded in 1967, the Eighth Step is an independent, non-profit organization that was originally started in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany. Originally started as a First Presbyterian youth project, the Eighth Step held concerts of folk, traditional, ethnic, blues, and jazz music. Begun
amidst the backdrop of the Civil Rights/Vietnam War era, the Eighth Step was strongly influenced by the political music of that era. Artists such as Arlo Guthrie, Greg Brown, Patty Larkin, Ani DiFranco, and John Gorka played there early in their careers. The old back entrance to the original space contained eight steps, hence the name. In 2000, the Eighth Step moved to the Cohoes Music Hall and held their last concert there in 2003.

The PRC was re-energized and the name changed following the September 11th 2001 attack and the US governments launch of its War on Terror.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains artist files, newsletters, programs and schedules, press releases, photographs, posters, live concert recordings, radio programs, and interviews.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

Processed in 2015 by unprocessed.
**Acquisition Information**

Margie Rosenkranz donated this collection to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives. 2005 April

**Access**

Access to this collection is restricted because it is unprocessed. Portions of the collection may contain recent administrative records and/or personally identifiable information. While it is likely that portions of the collection may be viewed, access must be managed by an archivist.

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