

**THE CENTER FOR POPULAR MUSIC  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TN**

**CUSIC, DON  
ORAL HISTORY AUDIO TAPES**

**91-012**

**Creator:**

**Type of Material:**

**Physical Description:**

55 audio cassette tape

**Dates:**

1978 - 1987.

**Abstract (Descriptive Summary):**

**Provenance and Acquisition Information:**

In March 1989 Don Cusic, a member of the RIM faculty, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro TN, donated 51 audio tapes of interviews he conducted to the Center. Some of these tapes contained more than one interview; Center audio staff transferred these interviews to separate tapes and discarded the original tapes.

**Subject/Index Terms:**

**Agency History/Biographical Sketch:**

Journalist Don Cusic has had over 500 articles published in magazines as varied as **Country Music** and **Contemporary Christian Music** and has written biographies of country singer Randy Travis and gospel music diva Sandi Patti as well as entries in the **Grove Dictionary of Music** and liner notes for numerous albums. Cusic has been a member of the recording industry faculty at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro TN since 1982.

**Scope and Content:**

This group consists of audio tapes of 55 interviews conducted by Don Cusic, 1978-1987. Most were conducted for use in preparing articles for popular music magazines and therefore are topical rather than comprehensive. A list of interviewees follows.

**Location:**

These tapes are filed first by media type, then by tape number with other manuscript audio visual materials.

**Related Materials:**

Other personal papers, including book manuscripts, donated by Cusic are filed together and described under his name. Materials produced by students in Cusic's courses are filed as separate groups organized by course name and number. Audio tapes of guest lectures given to a seminar on the history of the recording industry offered by Cusic in the fall of 1987 are filed as "Recording Industry: Historical Perspectives". Video tapes of interviews conducted by Cusic for a tv series broadcast over the campus television station are filed as "The Music Biz."

The Center has also received a substantial number of sound recordings in various formats which have been integrated into the Center's audio collection. Pamphlets, flyers, press kits and similar materials received from Cusic are filed with similar materials in the biographical and subject vertical files. Four boxes of photographs donated by Cusic are filed together as a unit within the photograph files.

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**Notes: List of Audio tapes:**

TCA-0118AAndrus and Blackwood

TCA-0118BBrown Bannister

TCA-0118CBlanton Harrell

TCA-0118DLes Beasley

TCA-0118EScott Wesley Brown

TCA-0118F/GJames Bullard (2 tapes)

TCA-0118HRory Burke

TCA-0118IDon Butler

TCA-0118JRalph Carmichael

TCA-0118KJune Carter Cash

TCA-0118L/MJohnny Cash (information about)

TCA-0118NCynthia Clawson

TCA-0118ORev. James Cleveland (includes sermon, speech and singing)

TCA-0118PRev. James Cleveland (telephone interview)

TCA-0118QRev. James Cleveland (talk)

TCA-0118RWayne Coombs

TCA-0118S/TMervyn Conn

TCA-0118UFarrell and Farrell

TCA-0118VJim Fogelsong

TCA-0118WSam Goodman

TCA-0118X/YAmy Grant

TCA-0118ZPam Mark Hall

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**Audio tapes** (continued):

TCA-0118AA George Hamilton IV

TCA-0118BB Billy Ray Hearne

TCA-0118CC/DD George Jones (2 tapes)

TCA-0118EE Karen Lafferty

TCA-0118FF Barbara Mandrell

TCA-0118GG Armand Morales

TCA-0118HH Anne Murray

TCA-0118II Marvin Norcross

TCA-0118JJ Larry Norman

TCA-0118KK The Oaks

TCA-0118LL Glen Payne

TCA-0118MM Dave Peters

TCA-0118NN Charlie Pride

TCA-0118OO/QQ Rambos (3 tapes)

TCA-0118RR Buck Rambo

TCA-0118SS/TT Reba Rambo (2 tapes)

TCA-0118UU Elwyn Ramer

TCA-0118VV Wesley Rose

TCA-0118WW/XX Robert Schuller (2 tapes)

TCA-0118YY George Beverly Shea

TCA-0118ZZRicky Skaggs

TCA-0118AAAMike Warnke

TCA-0118BBBShannon Williams

TCA-0118CCCGeorge Younce

**MARC:**

**EAD:**