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# **Petersilia (Martin) Arts Collection**

## **An inventory of Martin Petersilia Arts Collection at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Petersilia, Martin
<b>Title:</b>	Martin Petersilia Arts Collection
<b>ID:</b>	016
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1980-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.5 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Martin Petersilia was keenly interested in performing and visual arts, particularly those related to black artists and organizations. He was an employee and volunteer at many local arts organizations and collected numerous items related to the arts in D.C.

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## Scope and Contents

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Consists of programs, invitations, musical scores, correspondence, publicity, photographs, and clippings from arts organizations such as the Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, The Women's Arts Center, Momentum Black Theater, and the Nubian League. Items from arts organizations appear first arranged alphabetically followed and then general information about the visual arts and artists in Washington. Oversized materials are in a separate box.

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## Arrangement

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Processed without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Revised for length and clarity. 2020-04-08

### Custodial History

Martin Petersilia donated his collection of items related to artists and arts organizations to the D.C. Public Library in 1989.

### Processing Information

Basic archival processing procedures were applied to the collection when it was processed.

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## Related Materials

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See the Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet Records, 022

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Arts
- Performing Arts
- Photographs
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc)
- Correspondence
- Ephemera
- Photographs
- Sheet music

## Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Artists in School Program, 1980	Box 1	Folder 1
Arts Publicity, 1972-1985	Box 1	Folder 2
Ethiopian Artists Program, 1985	Box 1	Folder 3
Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 4
Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 5
Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 6
Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 7
Greg Reynolds Dance Quintet, 1977-1983	Box 1	Folder 8
Lansburgh Cultural Center, 1983	Box 1	Folder 9
Metropolitan Dance Association, 1983-1984	Box 1	Folder 10

Momentum Dance Theater, 1989	Box 1	Folder 11
Nubian League - photographs, 1980s	Box 1	Folder 12
Nubian League - photographs - general, 1982-1985	Box 1	Folder 13
Nubian League - photographs - Festival of Black Storytelling, 1984-1985	Box 1	Folder 14
Washington Area film Video League Newsletter, 1981-1984	Box 2	Folder 1
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 2
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 3
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 4
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 5
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 6
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 7
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 8
Women's Art Center, 1978-1986	Box 2	Folder 9
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	Folder 1
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	Folder 2
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	Folder 3
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	Folder 4
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	Folder 5
Visual Arts, 1980-1989	Box 3	folder 6
Printmakers Reception flyer, Undated	Box 4	Folder 1
Hartigan exhibit catalog, 1980	Box 4	Folder 2
Gallery Museum News, 1983	Box 4	Folder 3
YWCA Arts Fall Season Flyer, 1982	Box 4	Folder 4

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