Biographical History
Junior Mance, born Julian Clifford Mance, Jr., in Chicago, Illinois on October 10, 1928, was a jazz pianist, composer, author of “HOW TO PLAY BLUES PIANO,” and recording artist of 30+ albums as a leader and numerous recordings as a sideman. Mance was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951 and served in the 36th Army Band at Fort Knox, Kentucky. When Mance was discharged in 1953, he began a prolific music career. In 1961, Mance formed his own recording trio. In 1988, he became a member of the faculty of the Jazz and Contemporary Music Program at the New School University in New York City, where he taught blues, jazz, and piano. During the 1990s, he toured Japan with the elite jazz pianist group 100 Gold Fingers. Mance was inducted to the International Jazz Hall of Fame on November 21, 1997 in Tampa, Florida. Mance passed away on January 17, 2021.

Scope and Content
This collection contains materials related to the life and musical career of Junior Mance. Folder 1 contains an engraved wine class commemorating Mance’s life. Folder 2 contains CD copies of Mance’s discography, and Folder 3 contains vinyl copies of Mance’s discography. Folders 4 through 9 contain paper materials, including a biography of Mance, excerpts from reviews of Mance’s work, 2 lists of Mance’s discography, a photocopy of the front page of The Evanston Newsette featuring a large photograph of Mance at a piano, 2 headshots, a copy of Mance’s instructional piano book, 2 postcards advertising the Unitarian Church of Evanston Benefit Concert on January 14, 2012, and 2 signed posters from 2013.

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Folder contains some Junior Mance discography in compact disc form, organized chronologically:


Folder contains some Junior Mance discography in vinyl record form, organized chronologically:

Box Folder Title Date
1 4 Biography/Discography 
This folder contains a biography of Junior Mance, which instructs readers to visit www.juniormance.com; 5 quotes from reviews of Mance's music, and a list of Mance’s discography.

Box Folder Title Date
1 5 Obituary October 10, 2021
This folder contains two programs from “Celebrating The Life of Junior Mance: A Continuation of Our Bond.” The celebration was held at Unitarian Church of Evanston on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 3-5pm. The program contains a picture of Mance; an image from Mance’s website; an obituary of Mance; a program agenda; a photocopy of a letter written by Mance; a note from Gloria Clayborne Mance; and QR codes for Mance’s website and three articles about him.

Box Folder Title Date
1 6 News Clippings / Miscellaneous 1947 & 2021
This folder contains a photocopy of the front page of The Evanston Newsetter on Thursday, October 30, 1947, which features a large photograph of Mance at a piano. It also includes a page from Mance’s website that lists his discography.

Box Folder Title Date
1 7 Photographs Unknown
This folder contains two black-and-white headshots of Junior Mance.

Box Folder Title Date
1 8 How To Play Blues Piano October 10, 2021
This folder contains a copy of Junior Mance's instructional book.

Box Folder Title Date
1 9 Posters / Postcards 2012 – 2013
This folder contains two postcards, advertising the Junior Mance Quartet performing at the Unitarian Church of Evanston Benefit Concert on January 14, 2012, and two signed posters from 2013 advertising Junior Mance. The posters feature multiple pictures of Mance and his website URL.