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# Appalshop's Access to Artistic Excellence Project (FA 681)

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*Descriptive Inventory*

**FA 681      APPALSHOP's Access to Artistic Excellence Project**

1 box. 23 folders. 30 items. 1975-2006. Originals, DVD, and video tapes.

SC2012.179.82

**ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY**

Appalshop is a media, arts, and education center located in Whitesburg, Kentucky. Founded in 1969 under the leadership of Bill Richardson, Appalshop began as a project of the United States government's War on Poverty. In 1974, the worker-operated organization evolved into a nonprofit company and established itself as the primary hub of filmmaking in and about Appalachia. Since that time, it has produced more than one hundred films covering such topics as coal mining, environmental issues, traditional culture, and economics.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection primarily contains short films produced by Appalshop, whose chief goal in the Access to Artistic Excellence Project was to preserve and present film and audio of master traditional artists and to build strong appreciation for Appalachian culture, art, and traditions. As a primary regional repository, Appalshop is important not only to Kentucky, but indeed to the entire Appalachian region. Appalshop has documented some of the region's most important folk artists, including: Hazel Dickens, Lily May Ledford, Morgan Sexton, Jean Ritchie, and others.

The Access to Artistic Excellence Project is a program funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Included in the collection are letters of support from Bob Gates to the NEA for the project.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>APPALSHOP'S Access to Artistic Excellence Project</b>	<b>1975-2006</b>	<b>30 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Letters of support from Bob Gates	2005-2006	8 items

Folder 3	“Beyond Measure: Appalachian Culture and Economy” VHS, directed by Herb E. Smith	1995	1 item
Folder 4	“Stranger with a Camera” VHS, directed by Elizabeth Barret	2000	1 item
Folder 5	VHS of Rady Wilson	1998	1 item
Folder 6	“A Devil’s Bargain: The Robinson Dilemma” VHS, produced by Cody Sexton	2003	1 item
Folder 7	“Old Ways...Holdin’ On” VHS, produced by Mary Profitt and Chris Archer	2003	1 item
Folder 8	“The Ralph Stanley Story” VHS, directed by Herb E. Smith	2000	1 item
Folder 9	“Morgan Sexton” VHS	1991	1 item
Folder 10	Charlie Whitaker on DVD	2005	1 item
Folder 11	“Nimrod Workman: To Fit My Own Category” VHS	1975	1 item
Folder 12	“Buffalo Creek Flood: An Act of Man” VHS	n.d.	1 item
Folder 13	“On Our Own Land” VHS	1988	1 item
Folder 14	“Minnie Black’s Gourd Band” VHS	1988	1 item
Folder 15	“Buffalo Creek Revisited” VHS	1984	1 item
Folder 16	“Tell Me a Story, Sing Me a Song” VHS	n.d.	1 item
Folder 17	“In The Good Old Fashioned Way” VHS	n.d.	1 item
Folder 18	“The Big Lever: Party Politics in Leslie County, Kentucky” VHS	1982	1 item
Folder 19	“Coalmining Women” VHS	1982	1 item
Folder 20	“Strangers and Kin” VHS	n.d.	1 item
Folder 21	“Unbroken Tradition” VHS	1989	1 item
Folder 22	“Step Back Cindy” VHS	1991	1 item

Folder 23 "Sarah Bailey" VHS

1984

1 item

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Archer, Chris B1,F7  
Bailey, Sarah B1,F23  
Barret, Elizabeth B1,F4  
Black, Minnie, b.1899, d.1996 B1,F14  
Coalmining B1,F19  
Filmmaking  
Floods B1,F12  
Gates, Robert J., b. 1951 B1,F2  
Leslie County – Relating to B1,F18  
Profitt, Mary B1,F7  
Sexton, Cody B1,F6  
Sexton, Morgan, b.1911 B1,F9  
Smith, Herb E. B1,F3,8  
Stanley, Ralph, b.1927 B1,F8  
Whitaker, Charlie Lee, b.1929, d.2009 B1,F10  
Whitesburg – Relating to  
Wilson, Randy, b.1952 B1,F5  
Workman, Nimrod, b.1895, d.1994 B1,F11

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