

**New York Folklore Society
2002-03 Documentary Heritage Program Project
Documenting Hip Hop**

Collection creator:

April Silver

Title:

Hip Hop recordings and promotional materials

Dates:

1979- [ongoing]

Extent:

Approximately 100 audio tapes
Approximately 200 compact disc recordings
Approximately 24 record albums
Fliers and promotional material (50-75 items)

Organization and arrangement:

The material is organized by medium

Biographical/historical note:

April Silver was born in New York City, and is an arts advocate and artist representative. She is president and co-founder of Alike Worksongs, a multi-service arts and entertainment agency based in Brooklyn, New York, where she lives. Alike Worksongs provides services for lecture management, media and marketing, event planning and community arts programming for Hip Hop artists and other professionals. Silver collects material related to Hip Hop culture because she says, as a member of the Hip Hop generation, she understands “the value of preserving the cultural arts history of Black people in this country.”

Scope and content:

This collection consists of sound recordings of top-selling Hip Hop artists and Hip Hop memorabilia collected by April Silver during her childhood in New York City during the late 1970s; in Los Angeles during the 1980s; in Washington, DC, during the mid 1980s through the early 1990s; and more recently in New York City. Some of the recordings are homemade; some are commercially recorded. Also included are fliers and promotional materials for Hip Hop artists and events.

Finding aid note:

There is no finding aid for this material. Information on this collection was gathered by Yvonne Bynoe of Urban Think Tank in the Spring of 2003.

Location:

This collection is held by April Silver, Brooklyn, NY.

Restrictions on Access:

Researchers interested in using this material should contact April Silver, Alika Worksongs, P.O. Box 250553, Brooklyn, New York. Telephone: 718-756-8501.
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Indexing terms:*Corporate/organizational name:*

Alika Worksongs, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Subject terms:

Hip-hop
Rap (music) -- Discography
Sound recordings

Form and genre/Form of material:

Audiotapes
Compact discs
Phonograph records
Fliers (printed matter)
Promotional material

Date of interview and survey: Spring 2003

Interview and survey by: Yvonne Bynoe

This summary written by: Nancy Johnson with information from Yvonne Bynoe