

MS-490 – Ivan & The Sabers / The Lemon Pipers Collection

Collection Number: MS-490

Title: Ivan & The Sabers / The Lemon Pipers Collection

Dates: 1961–2011 (bulk 1961-1969)

Creator: Browne, Ivan

Summary/Abstract:

The Ivan & The Sabers / The Lemon Pipers Collection contains materials collected by Ivan Browne (chiefly photographs and press cuttings) during his career as a musician with both bands. Ivan & The Sabers were a Dayton area rock band active from 1961-1966. They opened for the Rolling Stones at Dayton's Hara Arena in 1964. The Lemon Pipers achieved international recognition with their 1968 number one single "Green Tambourine".

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Ivan Browne in April 2014.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Collection contains three vinyl records, two DVDs and one CD. Each of these requires special equipment to access.

Processed by: Karis Raeburn, July 2014

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged according to the band the material relates to. There is one folder of material relating to Ivan & The Sabers and two folders related to The Lemon Pipers. There is also a Lemon Pipers T-shirt and one folder of oversize items.

Biographical/Historical Note

Ivan & The Sabers were an instrumental rock band formed by Centerville High School students Ivan Browne and Larry Butler in 1961. Other members who played with the band between 1961 and 1966 included; John Cox, Jerry Hawkins, Bill Ellinger, Frank Cutter, John Gohgrich, and Freddie Meyers. The band played locally, and had a regional hit with, "Just Let Her Go". A follow up single, "Listen To Me" was not as successful, although it is now considered by some fans of the 1960s garage sound to be their best recording.

The band opened for The Rolling Stones during the British band's second North American tour, at their gig at Dayton's Hara Arena on 13 November 1964. That same year, Ivan & The Sabers also opened for The Byrds at LeSourdsville Lake Amusement Park in Monroe, Ohio, and toured with The Beach Boys, Shangri-Las and Jay & The Americans.

In 1966, Ivan Browne left Ivan & The Sabers and joined Tony & the Bandits, replacing Tony Brazis. The band name was changed to The Lemon Pipers and the new line-up was: Ivan Browne, William Bartlett, Reg Nave, William Albaugh and Steve Walmsley.

The Lemon Pipers played in bars around Oxford, Ohio and rock venues in Cincinnati. They reached the final of the Ohio Battle of the Bands in 1967 at the Cleveland Public Auditorium: losing to the Cleveland based James Gang.

The Lemon Pipers were picked up by Buddah Records (now known as Buddha Records) who pushed them in the direction of bubblegum pop music. The band recorded the song "Green Tambourine" which reached number one on the Billboard and Cashbox charts in February 1968. The song also reached number 7 on the UK singles chart. It is considered to be the first chart-topping single of the bubblegum pop genre, and was awarded a gold disc by the Recording Industry Association of America in February 1968 in recognition of selling over two million copies.

The band's next single; "Rice is Nice" reached number 46 on the billboard chart in March 1968. They recorded two albums; "Green Tambourine" and "Jungle Marmalade", both of which were a mixture of bubblegum and the band's preferred rock & roll music. Unhappy with the direction their music was taking, the band parted company with Buddah Records in 1969, splitting up shortly after.

Ivan Browne began touring with his wife Isa, as The Ivan and Isa Band in 1975, and they continue to tour and record music together.

Scope and Content

The collection contains a number of photographs of both Ivan & The Sabers and The Lemon Pipers which have accompanying labels written by Ivan Browne. There are press cuttings from

when Ivan & The Sabers opened for the Rolling Stones, along with cuttings covering the success of the Lemon Pipers and Ivan Browne's life after the band split. There are also vinyl records, a poster advertising a performance and a drum head used by Ivan & The Sabers. DVDs of documentaries featuring Ivan Browne, a CD of music created by The Ivan and Isa Band and a Lemon Pipers T-shirt complete the collection.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Browne, Ivan

Organizations/Corporate Names

Lemon Pipers

Buddha Records

The Ivan and Isa Band

Ivan & The Sabers

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Oxford (Ohio)

Cincinnati (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Rock music--1961-1970

Rock groups -- Ohio -- Dayton

Material Types

Photographs

Newspapers

CDs

DVDs

Sound recordings

Occupations

Musicians.

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Ivan & The Sabers	1961-1969
	2	The Lemon Pipers	1967-1969, 2001, 2008, 2011
	3	The Lemon Pipers – Audio/Visual media	1967, 2003, 2008
2		Lemon Pipers T-Shirt	

Oversize	Loc. 61	Poster, Drum Head, "Green Tambourine" Single, "Jungle Marmalade" Album Cover	1967-1968