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## **Finding Aid to the Savoy Tivoli scrapbook. 1976-1980 SFH 664**

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**Title:** Savoy Tivoli scrapbook

**Identifier/Call Number:** SFH 664

**Physical Description:** 1 scrapbook(.5 Cubic Feet)

**Date (inclusive):** 1976-1980

**Date (bulk):** 1979

**Abstract:** Scrapbook documenting the Savoy Tivoli, a bar and music venue in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood in 1979. Scrapbook contains copies of newspaper clippings and fliers for jazz, reggae, and punk bands. The Savoy Tivoli is a bar, restaurant and venue on Grant Street in the North Beach neighborhood of San Francisco.

Collection is stored onsite.

**Language of Materials:** Collection materials are in English.

**Storage Unit:** Box 1

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#### **Preferred Citation**

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#### **Provenance**

Purchase, 2016.

#### **Historical note**

The Savoy Tivoli is a bar, restaurant and venue at 1434 Grant Ave in the North Beach neighborhood of San Francisco. Established in 1907, it was bought by Frederick Kuh in 1967 from Nick Finocchio. It quickly became a hangout for the Beats of North Beach. It was the first home of Beach Blanket Babylon in the 1974 and was often mentioned in Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

The Ramones played there in 1976 when it was being booked by Stephen Gordon. In February 1979, Claude Santiago began managing the club as an independent promoter and reopened the club on August 10, 1979 with a new program of live music which included jazz, reggae, funk, and punk bands.

At the time of this writing in February, 2022, the Savoy Tivoli is reported as closed on Google and Yelp.

#### **Scope and Contents**

The Savoy Tivoli scrapbook contains copies of newspaper clippings and approximately 50 fliers for events held there from August 10, 1979, to December 31st, 1979. Included is a short history of the club with information about Frederick (Freddie) Kuh and Claude Santiago. This scrapbook was likely created sometime in 1980.

Fliers for performers include Mirasol, Irie Reggae Band, Idris Ackamoor, East Bay Mud, Pharoah Sanders Ensemble, Faye Carol, Los Microwaves, Zeros, SVT, Nervous Gender, Touch Tones, The Mutants, Noh Mercy, Target Video, Jim Carroll, Minimal Man, Eye Protection, Voice Farm, Tuxedomoon, No Sisters, Contractions, Urge, and the Punts.

#### **Related Materials**

Researchers are encouraged to see also the San Francisco Punk Archive located in the San Francisco History Center at the San Francisco Public Library. This collection is currently being processed.

#### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Savoy Tivoli (San Francisco, Calif.)

Bars (Drinking establishments) -- California -- San Francisco

Punk culture -- California -- San Francisco

Fliers (printed matter).

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Ephemera.

North Beach (San Francisco, Calif.) -- History.

North Beach (San Francisco, Calif.) -- Social life and customs.

Punk rock music -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

Latin jazz -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

Jazz -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

Reggae music -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

New wave music -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

Funk (Music) -- California -- San Francisco -- fliers

Savoy Tivoli (1967-2021?)

Kuh, Frederick, 1923-1997

Old Spaghetti Factory Cafe (Restaurant)

Santiago, Claude

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