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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TN

STEPHEN T. GUDIS COLLECTION 21-013

Creator:
Gudis, Stephen Taylor (August 21, 1951 – January 6, 2020)

Type of Material:
includes manuscript materials, contracts, tour planning, photographs, press kits, posters, clippings, scrapbooks, tour passes, stickers, buttons, business cards.

Physical Description:
11 linear feet of manuscript materials in 14 boxes

Dates:
1963-2019

Restrictions:
All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:
This collection was donated to the Center by Stephen Gudis’ widow, Beth Anne Musiker. Center for Popular Music Director, Dr. Greg Reish, picked-up the collection from their home in Nashville, TN on November 12, 2021. Beth Anne Musiker brought one more box of materials to be added to the CPM on June 13, 2022.

Arrangement:
The original arrangement scheme for the collection was maintained during processing where possible. Some items were organized and moved for ease of access where no apparent organization was available.

Subject/Index Terms:
Concerts.
Rock Music
Touring
Event production
KISS
Charlie Daniels Band
Doobie Brothers
Fleetwood Mac
Bob Seger

Agency History/Biographical Sketch: From obituary written by Beverly Keel
Born in Morristown, TN, on Aug. 21, 1951, he and his sister Patricia were raised by their
parents, Bertram Gudis and Jean Taylor Gudis, as well as their doting grandparents,
two uncles and an aunt. Uncle Emanuel mentored him to become the generous, calm
and giving person that he always was to everyone around him. He became a Bar
Mitzvah and attended Temple Beth El in Knoxville with his family throughout his life.

While attending Morristown West High School, he worked at his family’s P. Taylor Shoe
Store, but found his life’s calling at age 15, when he formed the Stephen Gudis Talent
Agency. His 10-year-old sister served as the firm’s receptionist and the family basement
was the rehearsal space for R&B artists such as Percy Sledge. He cherished his early
career years, where he was on the forefront of a musical movement while taking R&B
and soul bands around the South.

He attended Walters State Community College and studied criminology. He was a
sergeant in the Hamblen County Sheriff’s Office, a member of the Morristown Civil
Defense, Morristown Fire Department and the Tennessee Air National Guard during the
Vietnam War.

In the early 70’s, Stephen joined the Lashinsky Family, who were promoters of live
entertainment and Broadway Productions, in Charleston, W. VA. During that time, he
learned the skills of being a stage and production manager with The Doobie Brothers,
America, KISS, Elton John, Aerosmith, Journey, Michael Jackson and the list goes on.

He moved to Nashville in 1994 to serve as in-house production manager for Pace
Concerts, which booked shows at the Starwood Amphitheater, while traveling
throughout the Southeast as a promoter rep. Beginning his career as a rock show
promoter provided him the opportunity to become an expert in live shows, television and
production. Indeed, he was known for mastering virtually every job that contained the
word manager—stage manager, tour manager, road manager and production
manager—for live shows and television. His shows always ran on time and on budget.
A true connector who was invigorated by mentoring young people, he was the first one
many called with questions because he knew everyone, and everything related to the
music business.

He served as the TV stage manager for more than 20 Farm Aid shows, stage managed
Volunteer Jam for over a decade, managed country music awards shows and launched
the first Nashville Hard Rock Cafe’s New Year’s Eve guitar drop. He recently worked on
both the Music City Irish Festival and Music City Jazz Festival on Public Square Park
and served as talent booker/production manager for Innovation Amphitheater in
Georgia.
He was the artists’ safe space, the calm in the middle of the pre-show storm of nerves and chaos. He not only solved problems, but also anticipated and avoided them altogether. He had an old-school approach, treating people with kindness no matter what their title or affiliation.

He spent much of his life on the road, working with The Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, Charlie Daniels Band, Toby Keith, Paul Stanley, Brooks & Dunn, Marty Stuart, Shooter Jennings, Jamey Johnson and more. But after he met singer/actress, Beth Anne Musiker, on a blind date and marrying her in 2005, he wanted to spend more time at home, so he took on more event management opportunities with his company, The Production Department LLC, for clients including, Nissan, T.J. Martell Foundation, Tennessee Performing Arts Center and Warner Music Group. He was also a board member of the Parnelli Awards and longtime stage manager for the awards show, which was one of his favorite events annually. Known for his limitless generosity with friends, he loved fishing, hunting, boating, collecting coins, eating lobster and cheering on University of Tennessee football and the Tennessee Titans. Gudis passed on January 6, 2020.

**Scope and Content:**
Stephen Gudis collected these materials throughout his life relating to bands and events he worked with. Collection includes manuscript materials, contracts, tour planning, photographs, press kits, posters, clippings, scrapbooks, tour passes, stickers, buttons, business cards all relating to events he was involved in. Some items are autographed with notes to Gudis praising his work and personality.

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Folder 19  Aerosmith Rockin’ the Joint ’05-06 tourbook
Folder 20  Paul Stanley Live to Win Oct/Nov 2006 tourbook / contract rider
Folder 21  Oak Ridge Boys 2008 Budgets/Contracts
Folder 22  July 4th Estimate Atlanta Pop Symphony Orchestra 2008
Folder 23  Green notebook [2008]
Folder 24  Hard Rock New Years Guitar Drop 2009/10
Folder 26  Duran Duran 2011
Folder 27  Legal – Creative Licensing - 2011

Box 2  **Manuscripts 2011 – 2019 – Production, contacts, event details**
Folder 1  Miranda Lambert setlist [c.2011]
Folder 2  Diana Ross Setlist 3/2/12 Ryman
Folder 3  KISS & Motley Crue – Louisville, KY 2012
Folder 4  DuPoint Theater 2012
Folder 5  Elvis Lives 2012
Folder 6  Greenbrier Classic 2012
Folder 7  Music In the Middle 2013
Folder 8  Keith Urban 2014
Folder 9  Summer Concert Series 2014
Folder 10  CRS – Buddy Lee Attractions 2014
Folder 11  Farm Aid 2014
Folder 12  Delta Country Jam 2014
Folder 13  PLSN Interview [with Gudis] 2014
Folder 14  Straight No Chaser 2016 Tour
Folder 15  Great Futures Gala 2016
Folder 16  Permit 2017 [Broadway to Commerce St. CMA Fest]
Folder 17  Notebook – undated [c. 2017]
Folder 18  Innovation Amphitheater 2017-18
Folder 19  Purple notebook [2018]
Folder 20  Selma Bridge Crossing 2018
Folder 21  Music City Irish Fest 2018
Folder 22  Granger Smith offer sheet 2018
Folder 23  Kid Rock Fish Fry 2018
Folder 24  The Lacs 2018
Folder 25  True Music Room – William Elliot Whitmore
Folder 26  Lead sheets – various artists [removed from binder]
Folder 27  Gray notebook - undated
Folder 28  Parnelli Awards 2019
Folder 29  Examples – contracts and templates
Folder 30  [Loose Contracts and notes]
Folder 31  [Various Dressing room IDs & Maps]
Folder 32  Rolling Stone Magazine – Willie Nelson
Envelope 1  [Tickets]
Envelope 2  [Union Cards]
Envelope 3  Digital Media – Images and Documents [See CPM Server]
  Black PNY Flashdrive (46 Files)
  Dallas Audio Rig Plot
  Fwdkunissanplot
  NISSAN 2015 Production Schedule V2
  Black SanDisk Flashdrive (26 files)
  Sumer - Production Assistant
  Farm Aid Photos [2009] (820 Files)
Envelope 4  Digital Media – A/V [See CPM Server]
  Coast to Coast Marketing Sammy Davis Jr Compilation for Presentation (9 audio files)
  Elvis Tour 2.14.10 N. Charleston, SC
    VIDEO_RM
    VIDEO_TS
  FOH SC 48 Flashdrive (107 files)
    Aretha Live First Council
    club_application
    D-Show
  Jacob Lyda (7 audio files)
  June Spots [Safe Step disc Knoxville] (6 files)
    AUDIO_TS
    VIDEO_TS
  Liv Write Play Flashdrive (1 file)
    WMM_CRS New Faces_Final_V2_H264
  M7 Flashdrive (71 files)
    club_application
  Mr Bojangles Show CD 929 audio files)
  Nashville June Spots [Safe Step disc New York] (6 files)
    AUDIO_TS
    VIDEO_TS
  Preacher Stone 2010 (11 audio tracks)
  Sammy & Me (7 files)
    AUDIO_TS
    VIDEO_TS
  Young Guns Publishing Flashdrive (1 file)
    WMM_CRS New Faces_Final_V2_H264

Box 3  Michael Jackson Scrapbook 1984
Scrapbook and clippings relating to Michael Jackson 1984 tour, mostly relating to the Knoxville, TN tour dates. The contents were removed from the original scrapbook for preservation purposes, but context and order were retained.
Box 4  Passes and Pins

Envelope 1  Passes A-B

Envelope 2  Passes C-I

Envelope 3  Passes J-R

Envelope 4  Passes S-T
Scorpions 1993-94 all access pass, Sea World New Years 1989 complete access pass, Neil Sedaka personnel sticker (2), Soul 2 Soul 2017 tour Local pass, Bob Seger It’s A Mystery Artist staff pass, Bob Seger Against the Wind guest sticker, The Southern Spirit Tour ’94 Working staff sticker, Starwood Amphitheater 1993 season Administration pass, Starwood Amphitheater 1995 season Administration pass, SuperBall 79 stage access pass, Rod Stewart ’88 access all area sticker, STIX guest sticker, STYX Entam backstage pass sticker, I Saw STYX at Paradise Theatre sticker, STYX Guest pass backstage only sticker, TNN Music City News Country Awards stage pass, Robin Tower 1976 access all areas pass, Robin Tower 1977 Priority Staff Pass, Keith Urban & Vince Gill All Access pass, Luther Vandross All Access pass, Van Halen 1981 after show sticker (2).

Envelope 5 Passes W-Z

Envelope 6 Passes with clips
Charlie Daniels Band 3rd volunteer Jam All Access pass, Mac Davis Show staff pass, Billy Joel Tours 1974, KISS tour 79-80 pass (2 versions, one has Tull Tour 79 sticker on back) Styx stage crew 1978 tour pass, War Memorial Dector of Operations name tag, KKM 4961 name tag, SCB International name plate,

Envelope 7 Alice Cooper pin, Charlie Daniels Band Pin, Doobie Brothers tag (2)

Envelope 8 Duke Williams pin, Yes pin, KISS Ace Frehley guitar pick.

Envelope 9 Foghat pin, Grand Funk pin, Shooter Jennings patch

Envelope 10 Bristol Motor Speedway March 26, 2000 tickets/lanyard

Envelope 11 Druid City Music Festival lanyard

Envelope 12 Arnett Designs pass samples


Folder 14 Small promo stickers – Marshall Tucker Band A New Life sticker, Fleetwood Mac penguin sticker (2), Humble Pie Tourin’ sticker, Good & Plenty sticker, Ruby Starr and Grey Ghost sticker, Black Oak Arkansas Balls of Fire Jim Dandy sticker, Steppenwolf sticker, Alex Harvey Band sticker, Advance Dothan Alabama sticker, Manfred Mann’s Earth Band, Pink Floyd Day and Night stickers (2), Alice Cooper Muscle of Love sticker (2).
Folder 15  Large Promo Stickers – Entam logo sticker, The Doobie Brothers Live On Tour white sticker, Doobie Brothers black oval sticker, KISS Destroyer album cover sticker, Lollapalooza 1993 sticker, Charlie Daniels Band Fire on the Mountain album cover sticker, Charlie Daniels Band Nightrider sticker (2), large Golden Erring circle iron-on sticker of Switch album cover.

Box 5  Press Kits
Folder 1  Alabama
Folder 2  America
Folder 3  Bar-Kays biography – Volt Records
Folder 4  The Captain & Tennille
Folder 4  Phil Collins
Folder 5  Charlie Daniels Band
Folder 6  Diana
Folder 7  Diana! [TV Special]
Folder 8  Doobie Brothers
Folder 9  Emerson, Lake, & Palmer
Folder 10  Fleetwood Mac
Folder 11  Great White
Folder 12  Harvest Jam (Alabama)
Folder 13  Heart
Folder 14  Jay and the Americans
Folder 15  KISS
Folder 16  Steve Mariott
Folder 17  Metallica
Folder 18  Motley Crue
Folder 19  Mr. Bojangles [musical play]
Folder 20  Nocturne, Inc
Folder 21  Dolly Parton
Folder 22  Ray Scott [B.A.S.S]
Folder 23  Sound Sensations
Folder 24  Stillwell & Holland
Folder 25  Sunrise Entertainment
Folder 26  Russ Taff, David Meece, Pam Mark Hall (includes tour worker info)
Folder 27  Uriah Heep
Folder 28  The Who

Box 6  8x10 photographs
Folder 1  Promotional photos – A-D

Folder 2 Promotional photos – E-H
Earth, Wind & Fire (signed), Emerson, Lake & Palmer (signed), Emory and the Dynamics (2), The Enchanted Forest (2), Engelbert (signed), Exile (signed), Fleetwood Mac (signed), Janie Fricke (signed), Bobby Goldsboro (signed), The Graduates, Grand Funk – Mark Farner, Lisa Harris (2), Heart (signed) (2 different).

Folder 3 Promotional photos – J-K
Jackson 5 [late] (signed), Greg Lake (signed), Jay and the Americans (4 - 2 different), J. Geils Band (2 different), Jefferson Starship, Shooter Jennings (4 different - 2 signed), Jerry Marcum and the Dekades (2), Billy Joel (signed), Vivalore Jordan (2), KISS (signed).

Folder 4 Promotional photos – L-O
The Lettermen, Lotsa Poppa, M.C. Hammer (signed), McKendree Spring, Bette Midler, Dave Mason (2), The Monkees [late], The Monterays, Motrose [Bob James era] (signed), Charlie Musselwhite, New Kids on the Block, Oak Ridge Boys (signed) (5), Outlaws.

Folder 5 Promotional photos – P-V
Carl Palmer (signed), Kyle Petty (signed), Eddy Raven (signed), R.E.M. (signed), RollerJam (2 different), Tony Rossine, Sawyer Brown (signed), The Second Time Around, Soul Aces (5 - 2 different), Bruce Springsteen (note), St Elmo’s Fire, Gail Stanton Miss June Playboy (signed), Star Shower, Take 6 (signed), Tesla (signed), BJ Thomas, The Trick Band, Village People (2 different signed), The Who.

Folder 6 Carolyn Brand – headshot, resume, and note to Gudis
Folder 7 Stages / Arenas
Folder 8 Stephen T. Gudis
Folder 9 Tom Jones contact sheets

Box 7 Small Photographs
Folder 1 Aerosmith – Knoxville photos ’80
Folder 2 Unlabeled [Charlie Daniels Band]
Folder 3 Unlabeled [Charlie Daniels Band]
Folder 4 ELO Band ’78
Folder 5 Fleetwood Mac
Folder 6 Unlabeled [Stephen Gudis]
Folder 7  Janet Jackson
Folder 8  Billy Joel
Folder 9  KISS
Folder 10  KISS [Nov 1975]
Folder 11  KISS [1978-9]
Folder 12  KISS+
Folder 13  Lexington Prod.
Folder 14  [Lynyrd Skynyrd c. 1988]
Folder 15  Nash[ville] Riverfront
Folder 16  Nazareth
Folder 17  New Kids [On the Block] / Eric Clapton
Folder 18  Unlabeled [Bob Seger]
Folder 19  Smithereens 1988 In.[Innovation] Amphitheater
Folder 20  Steppen Wolf [Steppenwolf]
Folder 21  Volunteer Jam V 1979 [Charlie Daniels Band & Lynyrd Skynyrd]
Folder 22  White Lion – AC/DC
Folder 23  West Virginia State Fair 1979 – 2 photos of stage
Folder 24  Miscellaneous – Leon Russell, Michael Martin Murphy, WIMZ 6th birthday, Tune Disney, others

Box 8  Rock Fest Photo Album
Rock Fest 1997 photo album

Box 9  Business Cards
About 1,380 business cards collected by Gudis, mostly relating to music and tourism industries – includes various iterations of Gudis’ own business cards.

Box 10  Souvenir Books & Programs
Souvenir books
  Chicago 1971
  Eric Clapton 1974
  Harlem Globetrotters 1975
  Engelbert Humperdinck 1977
  Jacksons Victory Tour 1985
  Oak Ridge Boys Cookin’ Tour 1983
  The Prisoner of Second Avenue 1971
  Sha Na Na 1979
  Tom Jones [missing front cover]
  Van Halen 1982
  Yes 1974
  Yes – booklet from Fragile album SD 7211
The Who 1982
200 Motels [movie] 1971

Programs
Pollstar Live! 2014 pocket program
Pollstar Live! 2016 program
The 25th Anniversary of the Country Music Association 1983 program
Stanwood Season 1995
Oconee Performing Arts – Oak Ridge Boys 2008
CMA Touring Awards 2017 program
Outlaw and Armadillos Country’s Roaring 70s Country Music Hall of Fame and
Museum exhibit opening program (2)
Celebration of the Arts Currey Ingram Academy program 2010
NGC Fox Theater Opening Night 1969
Don’t Bother Me, I Can’t Cope – Charleston Municipal Auditorium 1976
Country Music Hall of Fame Medallion Ceremony 2016 program
Tony Stewart Foundation Benefit Concert 2004
Tony Stewart Foundation Benefit Concert 2005
Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show 6th anniversary program
Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show 1980-81
Beach Music Awards 1982
Beach Music Awards 1983
Florrida World Music Festival 1979
Californa World Music Festival 1979

Box 11 Newspapers and clippings
Folder 1 Clippings – mostly related to show promoted or worked on by Gudis
One relates to cases worked by Gudis while in the Sheriff’s
department
Folder 2 Kentucky Kernel newspaper January 17, 1977 – Charlie Daniels
Folder 3 The Commercial Appeal Memphis August 17, 1977 – Elvis death
Folder 4 The Knoxville New Sentinel August 17, 1977 Elvis death
Folder 5 Memphis Press-Scimitar August 17, 1977 Elvis death
Folder 6 Charleston Daily Mail November 16, 1978 Pablo Cruise Concert
Folder 7 Kentucky Kernel March 5, 1981 Bruce Springsteen Concert
Folder 8 The Knoxville New Sentinel August 18, 1990 New Kids on the
Block
Folder 9 Fort Payne Times-Journal June 13, 1992 June Jam XI
Folder 10 Washington Post March 30, 2006 Kristofferson Kennedy Center
Honors
Folder 11 Tennessean – Arts & Entertainment September 21, 2008
Folder 12 Tennessean – Business May 20, 2014 Les Paul Gibson Tribute

Box 12 Oversized photographs
Folder 1 OV Album Promos – Marshall Tucker Band, Jonun Crew, The
Black Crows, Ringo Starr -Ring album liner notes, Emerson, Lake
and Palmer Brain Salad Surgery liner notes. Elvis Presley Harum
Scarum promo, Chicago souvenir book (oversized), Boston Don’t Look Back Press kit (oversized), Ted Nugget Privet poster/sign
Folder 2  Stephen Gudis with others (4 photographs)
Folder 3  Black Oak Arkansas (3 photographs including 2 of Jim Dandy)
Folder 4  Fleetwood Mac / Alice Cooper – by Bill Straus (5 photographs)
Folder 5  Billy Joel (4 photographs)
Folder 6  Bob Seger (3 photographs, 1 autographed)
Folder 7  Bruce Springsteen (3 photographs)
Folder 8  Robin Tower (2 photographs)
Folder 10  Various – Ross Valory (Journey), Dave Mason, Elvin Bishop, The Who, Frank Zappa, Doobie Brothers, Mountain (band), George Benson
Folder 11  Various – unidentified
Folder 12  Small mounted prints (21 photographs)

Box 13  Oversized mounted photographs
Folder 1  Stephen Gudis (4 photographs)
Folder 2  Peter Frampton (2 – 1 autographed)
Folder 3  Van Halen (5 autographed)
Folder 4  Various – Elton John, KISS (autographed), Rick Derringer [Edger Winter Group], unidentified, New River Gorge Bridge [WV], Liza Minnelli, Steve Howe [Yes], Chris Squire [Yes], Charlie Daniels Band with Lynyrd Skynyrd, Ron Wood

Box 14  Oversized Photographs and Posters
Folder 1  Earth Wind and Fire matted promo (autographed)
Folder 2  Dolly Parton matted promo
Folder 3  Charlie Daniels 3D photo matted
Folder 4  Eric Clapton large matted photograph
Folder 5  Peter Frampton large matted photograph
Folder 6  Alice Cooper large matted photograph - autograph
Folder 7  Foghat – mounted collage [missing one piece]
Folder 8  The Association – Live Album promo
Folder 9  Shooter Jennings poster 9.23.05 City Hall Nashville (2)
Folder 10  Marshall Dyllon (band) Enjoy the Ride album promo
Folder 11  The Who Tuesdays at the Marquee poster
Folder 12  The Alice Cooper Show Roanoke Coliseum poster
Folder 13  3 Dog Night Knoxville Civic Coliseum poster
Folder 14  Earth Wind & Fire Greensboro Coliseum 1976 poster

Map drawer  Oversized Posters
Black Sabbath poster
Bachman-Turner Overdrive tour book – fold out poster
Back Doors [Door tribute musical] poster
Buddy Miles – A Message to the People prom fold out poster
The Doobie Brothers poster (signed)
Foghat Poster
Genesis Poster
KISS 1976 US Tour poster
Peter Frampton 1977 tour book – fold out poster
Ted Nugent Cat Scratch Fever Album promo poster
The Revival [Credence Clearwater Revival] musical poster
Frank Zappa 200 Motels poster

**Materials Cataloged Separately:**
Per Center policy, certain formats are cataloged separately for accessibility, including commercial video and sound recording materials. [For a complete list of separated materials, please contact the archivist.]

**Location:**
All manuscript materials are located in the special collections storage area filed by accession number. Audio/visual materials are located in special collections storage area. Oversized posters located in map drawers.

**Related Materials:**
Special collection sheet music, performance documents, trade catalogs, photographs, sound recordings, rare books, and reading room materials related to the subjects of this collection are also held by the Center and searchable through the CPM website database or MTSU Walker Library catalog.

Other items from the Gudis family were donated to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.