

Guide to the Peggy Haine Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Peggy Haine came out of Brooklyn before Brooklyn was hot, but she brought the heat to Ithaca. Known for years as the “Red Hot Mama” of her band, *Peggy Haine & the Lowdown Alligator Jass Band*, she performed around town and around the country. Peggy was known for her costumes in performance and her flamboyant performing ways, as well as for resurrecting songs and styles that many had thought disappeared. In real life, she had a several careers, yet even there, was always ready with a joke and a hearty and engaging laugh. She and her band put out several commercial recordings but were perhaps best seen in live performance.

The collection covers the period of her musical career from ca. 1970-1992.

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