

**The Raging Grannies of Denver records**  
**An inventory of holdings at the American Music Research Center**

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American Music Research Center, University of Colorado at Boulder

## Descriptive summary

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| <b>Name</b>                 | Raging Grannies of Denver records   |
| <b>Identification</b>       | COU-AMRC-76   |
| <b>creator</b>              | Raging Grannies of Denver   |
| <b>Repository</b>           | The American Music Research Center<br>University of Colorado at Boulder<br>288 UCB<br>Boulder, CO 80309 |
| <b>Location</b>             | Housed in the American Music Research Center  |
| <b>Physical Description</b> | 2 linear feet   |

## Scope and Content

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Records for the Denver chapter of the Raging Grannies, 2002-present. Included are membership lists, newspaper clippings, online news articles, internal and external correspondence, publicity materials, typed songs, including original and proposed versions, are also in the collection. Three CD recordings, which include one holiday album, comprise the studio recordings of the collection. Two VHS tapes document 11 live performances in Denver and Colorado from 2002-2003. Also included are photographs of the Denver Grannies' performances and seven thank-you notes written to the Grannies.

## Administrative Information

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### Arrangement of the collection

The collection is arranged by type of material

Open

Donated by Mag Seaman. August 2005

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Raging Grannies of Denver records, University of Colorado, Boulder

## History of Raging Grannies of Denver

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The Denver chapter of the Raging Grannies was modeled after the original group, which got its start in the early 1980s in Vancouver, British Columbia, and now has chapters all over the world. The Denver Grannies meet weekly to stay in practice for their frequent appearances at political rallies and protests around the metro area. Dressed in frumpy clothes and flowery hats – costumes that deliberately poke fun at the “granny” image – the women sing songs with highly-charged political lyrics, set to well-known tunes.

Mag Seaman, founder and leader of the group, first saw a group of Raging Grannies perform in the 1980s at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. In January of 2002, while attending a political protest, she decided a local Grannies group was needed and set about recruiting others.

Since the founding, members have written numerous political parody songs, using humor to make their pacifist and left-wing protests clear. They are regularly invited to perform at political rallies and protests in the Denver area.

## Container List

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### Papers

| box | folder |  |
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| 1   | 1      | Raging Grannies of Denver-History  |
| 1   | 2      | Contracts  |
| 1   | 3      | Member Lists   |
| 1   | 4      | Raging Grannies International  |
| 1   | 5      | Correspondence-External  |
| 1   | 6      | Correspondence-Internal, 2002  |
| 1   | 7      | Correspondence-Internal, 2003  |
| 1   | 8      | Correspondence-Internal, 2004  |
| 1   | 9      | Correspondence-Internal, 2005  |
| 1   | 10     | Correspondence-Internal, 2006  |
| 1   | 11     | Correspondence-Internal, 2007  |
| 1   | 12     | Thank-you notes sent to Grannies   |
| 1   | 13     | Photos   |
| 1   | 14     | Publicity-Flyers   |
| 1   | 15     | Publicity-Clippings  |
| 1   | 16     | Songs, July 30 2005  |
| 1   | 17     | Songs, April 2006  |
| 1   | 18     | Songs-Original versions  |
| 1   | 19     | Songs-Proposed   |
| 1   | 1      | The Raging Grannies of Denver 2003<br><i>audio Compact Disc</i><br>Volume 1  |
|     |        | 1. We're Raging Grannies   |
|     |        | 2. My Name is Georgie Porgie   |
|     |        | 3. Enron   |
|     |        | 4. Rich White Men  |
|     |        | 5. This Land Was Your Land   |
|     |        | 6. We're Low on Money  |
|     |        | 7. Pa  |
|     |        | 8. We Want Our Rights!   |
|     |        | 9. Our Oil Lies Over the Ocean   |
|     |        | 10. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah   |
|     |        | 11. Georgie Bush, Georgie Bush   |
|     |        | 12. Green's Song   |
|     |        | 13. Cheers for the Peace Workers   |
|     |        | 14. Our Country's Killing Many Humans  |
|     |        | 15. We'll Be Working for World Peace   |
| 1   | 2      | The Raging Grannies of Denver, 2004<br><i>audio Compact Disc</i><br>Volume 2 |

1. Raging Granny Theme Song
2. Our Worst President
3. Halliburton
4. Rich White Men
5. Let's Go Out to the Test Site
6. There's No Business Like War Business
7. We're Low On Money
8. I'm the President and I'm Okay
9. Botox
10. Georgie Bush
11. When Janitors Go Marching In
12. Enron
13. Sounds of Freedom
14. Pa
15. Goodbye Dubya
16. Wars Are Bustin' Out All Over
17. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
18. Any But Bush is All I See
19. My Name Is Georgie Porgie
20. Haiti
21. Our Oil Lies Over the Ocean
22. Stop! Stop the War on Women
23. Cheers for the Peace Workers

1      3      **Deck the Halls with Raging Grannies, 2007**  
*audio Compact Disc*  
Volume 3

1. Deck the Halls With Raging Grannies
2. Death Penalty
3. There's No Business Like War Business
4. Should I Run?
5. We Three Czars
6. Paper Ballot
7. Raging Grannies
8. Love and Marriage
9. Wars Are Bustin' Out All Over
10. Silent Night
11. Stop the War On Women
12. Cindy Sheehan's Song
13. Cheers for Peacemakers
14. Hark
15. She'll be Winnin' the Election
16. Welcome Immigrantes
17. Supercoward
18. Short Term Memory
19. When We Make Peace Instead of War
20. Goodbye, Dubya
21. O' Pray for Peace

1      1      **Grannies on KGNU, 2007 (Feb. 5)**  
*audio cassette tape*

Live audio recording from the Raging Grannies' February 5, 2007 appearance on radio station KGNU.

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| 1 | 2 | <b>Raging Grannies Video 1</b><br><i>VHS cassette tape</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. City and County Building</li><li>2. Capitol Steps 2003 (March 21)</li><li>3. Colorado Missile Silos 2003 (July 26)</li><li>4. DCTV-Speaking Out</li></ol>  |
| 1 | 3 | <b>Raging Grannies of Denver, CO</b><br><i>VHS cassette tape</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Green Convention 2002 (June 22)</li><li>2. Speaking Out 2004 (Feb. 20)</li><li>3. AFSC-Annual Awards</li><li>4. City and County Building-Denver 2003 (Feb. 1)</li><li>5. Capitol Steps 2003 (March 21)</li><li>6. Colorado Missile Silos 2003 (July 26)</li><li>7. Capitol 2003 (Oct. 4)</li></ol> |