

# **KINSELLA, MICHAEL F, 1957-.**

## **Mikel K papers, 1987-1999**

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**Creator:** Kinsella, Michael F, 1957-.  
**Title:** Mikel K papers, 1987-1999  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1532  
**Extent:** 32.375 linear feet (55 boxes and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box))  
**Abstract:** Papers of Atlanta poet, musician, and public access television producer Mikel K, from 1987-1999, including audiovisual materials, correspondence, writings, and notebooks.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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#### **Citation**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Mikel K was born Michael Francis Kinsella on June 20, 1957, and is an Atlanta poet and music writer living in Mableton, Georgia, with his partner, artist Just Joan (born July 23 [?]). Mikel K has a son, Graem. He was voted Best Local Poet in 2012, 2013, and 2014 by readers of *Creative Loafing*, a weekly newspaper in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Venice Senior High School (Venice, Florida) in 1975 and earned his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Journalism from Georgia State University (Atlanta, Georgia) in 1992. Mikel K worked as a freelancer for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, covering the music scene, circa 1990s. The Mikel K Band released the album *Sober* in 1998.

Poetry by Mikel K has appeared in a number of publications including *Subtle Tea, drown in my own fears, poetic diversity, Zygote In My Coffee, The Blue Lake Review, Swimming With Elephants, The Georgia Review, The Reeve Report, Lowlife Magazine, The Political Dogma, World Wide Hippies.com, Open Salon, and Beagle Bugle*. He self-published his memoir, *The Delivery Guy*, in 2007 and followed up with 14 more books of poetry and narratives. He later republished *Please Allow Me to Introduce Myself* (2017) with Pski's Porch.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of notebooks, writings, promotional materials, and recordings of the work of Atlanta poet, Mikel K. There is also a small amount of correspondence and personal papers including his son's schoolwork and Mikel K's resumes and notes. Of note are video recordings of Mikel K's public access television show *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, which features local bands, poets, and artists. The show was broadcast on Atlanta's People TV cable channel in the late 1980s and early 1990s. People TV was created in 1986 with a mission to provide the Atlanta Community a voice through public created programming. In addition, there are a significant number of notebooks Mikel K kept from 1982 to 1995, most of which contain sparse entries of poetry, journal entries, and drafts of two novels—*The Delivery Guy* and *Baking Banana Bread from Scratch*. There are also about 20 issues of the Atlanta publication *Footnotes* from 1997 as well as fliers and promotional material for shows and readings.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
51	-	Family papers, undated
AV1	-	Music, Clay Harper, <i>Factoryland</i> , 1996 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Brickwall United, <i>Mission Murder</i> , 1994 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, #1 Family Mover, <i>Phase One</i> , 1996 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, The Drugs, <i>Let it Go Away/Try Me</i> , 1996 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, The Ellen James Society, <i>Amsterdam</i> , 1993 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Bob, <i>The Peel Sessions</i> , 1992 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Aubrey Slackey, <i>Slackey Says...</i> , 1995 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Catfight, <i>Mamie Van Doren/Clover Girl</i> , 1995 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, The Stimulants, <i>Naked Man/Daddy's Girl/Two Timer</i> , 1996 [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Lovebucket and Slapphappy Super-fly, <i>Eleanor/Splinter</i> , [original: phonograph]
AV1	-	Music, Heinous Bienfang and his Cheap Moves, <i>It's Time to Speak of Anything</i> , 1995 [original: phonograph]
7	-	Notebooks, undated
8	-	Notebooks, undated
9	-	Notebooks, undated
10	-	Notebooks, undated
11	-	Notebooks, undated
12	-	Notebooks, undated
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- 47 - Notebooks, undated
- 48 - Notebooks, undated
- 51 - Promotional materials and Mikel K Band, undated
- 51 - Public access television show, documents, circa 1990s
- 49 - Writings and notes, undated
- 50 - Writing, notes, and correspondence, circa 1990s
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "TAB tape," 1987 September [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Tell Me a Story," 1990 July 31 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Hanging Friends," 1990 August 7 [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, 1990 October 18 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 5, 1990 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 5, 1990 [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "with Heat Storm," number 12, 1991 August 4 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 13, 1991 August 12 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Valentine's Special," 1991 February 14 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Pirates in Love," 1991 February 5 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 11, 1991 July 28 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, 1991 March 19 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "with Press the Flesh," 1991 May 16 [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 3, 1991 May 30 [original: Umatic]

- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Love Hammer," number 9, 1991 Summer [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 10, 1991 Summer [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 6, 1991 Summer [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 4, 1991 October 6 [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Back to School," number 1, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Snake Oil Side Show," number 7, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 1, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 11, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 2, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 3, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 3, 1991 [original: Umatic]
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 4, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 4, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 5, 1991 Fall [original: Umatic]
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "24 Hours," 1991 [original: Umatic]
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Opium Hello and more," 1991 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Question of Balance, D.J. Requaya Ward," 1991 [original: Umatic]
- 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Thing 1, Thing 2," 1991 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 1, 1992 January 12 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 1, 1992 January 24 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, 1992 [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Eartha Kitt Smartass," 1992 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Tombstones R Up," 1992 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 4, 1992 [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Natabari," number 1, 1994 October 25 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 1, 1996 October 19 [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 3, 1997 February 17 [original: Umatic]
- 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Out of Nowhere," number 4, 1997 March 26 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Brillo, Taping 1," 1999 July 3, September 1 [original: Umatic]
- 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Brillo," 1999 August 10 [original: Umatic]
- 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "TAB Narration," [?] September [original: Umatic]
- 4 - *Antihero*, undated [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, undated [original: Umatic]
- 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, undated [original: Umatic?]

- 4 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "A Special," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Barry Bob and Kool Korner," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 1 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Brambles," number 1, undated [original: Umatic]
  - 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "First Shutup and Eeget for WeirdSci and Kevin," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Hanging Francis," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 6 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Nothing Yet," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Question of Balance," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 5 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Ruben Anderson," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 2 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "Terror, Ruben Anderson," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, "World Series," undated [original: Umatic]
  - 3 - *Your 15 Minutes R Up*, number 2, undated [original: Umatic]
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