

Basic Detail Report



Drummer's Dilemma

Date

February 1962

Medium

Gelatin silver print on ektalure paper

Description

This photograph of American jazz drummer and bandleader Chico Hamilton was taken in studio by Leigh A. Wiener for a Columbia Records advertisement,

February 1962. Wiener recalls the day the photo was taken: "Chico Hamilton will always have a special place in my professional memories. He asked me for a favor that no celebrity had ever asked of me before. We were working in my studio. I had paused to load a camera. Suddenly Hamilton almost blurted out, 'Can I ask you a personal favor?' 'Sure,' I answered. 'Well,' said Hamilton, 'it's my son. He likes photography and I'm not sure how to help him. I thought if you might take his picture, he might start to talk with you about it and he might learn a little from you.' 'We'll do it Saturday,' I told the drummer. 'Saturday?' he repeated. 'Saturday,' I repeated."

Dimensions

11 × 14 in. (27.9 × 35.6 cm)