



Guide to the Sheree Downs Las Vegas, Nevada Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Downs, Sheree L., 1956-
Title:	Sheree Downs Las Vegas, Nevada Photographs
ID:	PH-00403
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1976 to 1995
Physical Description:	0.23 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.88 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Sheree Downs Las Vegas, Nevada Photographs are comprised of photographs Downs took between 1976 and 1995 during visits to Las Vegas, Nevada. The photographs document the evolution of hotel and casino architecture and signage on the Las Vegas Strip and in downtown Las Vegas. Also included are photographs of various tourist attractions in Las Vegas and souvenirs from casinos.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Born on April 2, 1956, Sheree Downs worked as a concert photographer for the vocal trio the Lettermen from 1976 to 1978. The Lettermen performed at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada twice a year during that time, and Downs accompanied them on these trips. She made personal visits to Las Vegas after she stopped working for the singing group, during which she documented the landscape through the eyes of a visitor. As of 2020, Sheree Downs lives in Colorado.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Sheree Downs Las Vegas, Nevada Photographs are comprised of personal photographs and souvenirs collected by Sheree Downs between 1976 and 1995 while visiting Las Vegas, Nevada. The photographs mainly document the architecture of the Las Vegas Strip and downtown area from the late 1970s through the early 1990s. Downs also photographed the tourist attractions she visited, including Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden, the Ethel M Chocolates Botanical Cactus Garden, Hoover Dam, the Liberace Museum, the Imperial Palace Auto Collection, and the Fremont Street Experience. The photographs of the Las Vegas Strip and downtown Las Vegas area illustrate the changing environment of the city's tourism industry over two decades. The collection also contains souvenirs from various hotels and casinos.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2017 by Sheree Downs; accession number 2017-024.

Processing Note

In 2017, Maggie Bukowski created an inventory of the materials and wrote a finding aid during accessioning. In 2019, Lauren Paljusaj updated the inventory and revised the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Tourism -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Fremont Street (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Architecture
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Las Vegas Strip hotels, casinos, and businesses, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, approximately 1979 to 1995	oversized box 01
Off-Strip hotels and casinos, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, approximately 1991 to 1995	oversized box 01
Downtown Las Vegas, Nevada and the Fremont Street Experience: photographic prints, approximately 1976 to 1995	oversized box 01
Tourist attractions in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, approximately 1979 to 1995	oversized box 01
Imperial Palace Auto Collection, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic prints, approximately 1986	oversized box 01
Ashtray from the Riviera, gaming chips from the Dunes and the Mirage, matchbooks from the Riviera and Palace Station, approximately 1984 to 1995	oversized box 01