



## Guide to the Joan Snyder Meadows Playhouse Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Moran, Joan, 1943-
<b>Title:</b>	Joan Snyder Meadows Playhouse Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00219
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1968-1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.95 Cubic Feet (6 boxes)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.83 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Joan Snyder Meadows Playhouse Collection (1968-1981) consists of materials from the Meadows Playhouse, a University of Nevada, Las Vegas playhouse that was located on Maryland Parkway, south of the university campus. It includes architectural plans, interdepartmental and external correspondence and memos about designing a theater major program, examples of other university theater major requirements, press releases, copies of plays with set design and director's notes, notes on student actors, photographs, production playbills, and newspaper clippings regarding various productions.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Joan Snyder (1943- ) was the co-founder of the Meadows Playhouse, Nevada's first professional year-round theater. She served as the artistic director from 1977 to 1982, and received a Governor's award for outstanding contribution to theater in Nevada. Snyder also served as an acting instructor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 1967 to 1976. She currently splits

her time between Austin, Texas and Los Angeles, California, working as a keynote speaker, retreat leader, and yoga and meditation instructor, under the name Joan Frances Moran.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged chronologically by topic.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

This collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory and will be open for research use January 1, 2093.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were donated by Joan Snyder in 1981; accession numbers 1981-102 and T-163.

## Processing Information

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Gayle O'Hara processed, rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Theater -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Theater -- Production and direction -- Las Vegas (Nev.) -- History
- Theater programs
- photographs
- Crawford, Jerry L.
- Meadows Playhouse

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Jerry C. Crawford files, 1969-1978 Physical Description: 8 Files	box 01 box 02
Architectural plans for proposed Meadows Playhouse theater design, 1976	box 02
Theater administrative records, 1978-1981 Physical Description: 2 Files  Conditions Governing Access: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2093. Restricted materials are housed in Box SH-041.	box 02
Theater production materials, 1968-1980 Physical Description: 12 Files	box 02

box 03

box 04

box 05

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Theater production programs, 1977-1981

box 05

Physical Description: 5 Files

box 06

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Audiovisual material, undated

box 06