

Guide to the Las Vegas Art Museum Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas Art Museum
Title:	Las Vegas Art Museum Records
ID:	MS-00549
Date [inclusive]:	1952 to 2009
Date [bulk]:	1997 to 2008
Physical Description:	20.36 Cubic Feet (19 boxes, 12 oversized boxes, 1 flat file)
Physical Description:	32.24 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	19,333 Digital Files (136.671 GB) AI, AIT, BMP, BUP, CR2, CSS, DAT, DATA, DB, DLL, DMG, DOC, DS-STORE, EPS, EXE, GIF, HTM, HTML, IFO, INDD, INF, INFO, IPHOTO, JPG, JS, LCK, LNK, M4V, MPG, OTF, PDF, PFB, PIM, PNG, PPT, PSD, RAW, TIF, TTF, TXT, VOB
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Las Vegas Art Museum Records (1952-2009) contain administrative files, press, marketing materials, and scrapbooks that document the history of the Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM). Collection materials include exhibition files, annual reports, financial statements, board meeting agendas and minutes, event invitations, press releases, and newspaper and magazine clippings documenting the museum's activities. Materials include photographs from museum events as well as photographs of artwork displayed as part of visiting and permanent exhibitions. Audio and video recordings include interviews with museum staff and local news coverage of events. Also included are architectural floor plans for the Sahara West Library, which was used as a gallery space for LVAM. Digital files in this collection include recordings and presentation slides from LVAM lectures with curators and artists. Other digital files include photographs from LVAM events and workings files from LVAM staff.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM) started as the Las Vegas Art League. Lucile Bruner, Vivian Woods, and Helen Wooley Willis founded the League in 1950 to bring fine art to Las Vegas, Nevada. The League held meetings, offered instructional art classes, created exhibitions and contests, and provided a network through which artists and art collectors could buy and sell art. In 1967 the City of Las Vegas bought the Twin Lodge Resort and renamed it Lorenzi Park. The Las Vegas Art League rented one of the old Lodge buildings to create a permanent space for art education and exhibitions.

In 1974 the Las Vegas Art League was renamed and incorporated as the Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM), the first fine art museum in Southern Nevada. LVAM continued to operate out of the Lorenzi Park buildings until 1995 when the City of Las Vegas terminated their lease to expand the Derfelt Senior Center's facilities. The museum's collections were temporarily loaned to the West Charleston campus of the Community College of Southern Nevada until 1997. At that time, the Las Vegas Art Museum moved into the Sahara West Library/Fine Arts Museum. LVAM operated out of this location until 2009 when it was forced to close due to lack of funding. A majority of the collection is now housed at the Marjorie Barrick Museum on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Source:

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Scope and Contents Note

The Las Vegas Art Museum Records (1952-2008) span the history of the Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM) in Las Vegas, Nevada from its start as the Las Vegas Art League in the 1950s until its closure in 2009. The collection contains materials primarily related to its business functions and museum publicity. Business records include exhibition files, annual reports, income statements, board meeting agendas and minutes, scrapbooks, and materials related to planning the museum's future growth and expansion. Museum publicity includes promotional postcards, event invitations, press releases, and an extensive series of local newspapers and magazines containing articles about the museum and its exhibitions. Materials include photographs from museum events as well as photographs of artwork displayed as part of visiting and permanent

exhibits. Also included are audio and video recordings of interviews with museum staff and local news coverage of events and architectural floor plans for the Sahara West Library which was used as a gallery space for the Las Vegas Art Museum. Digital files in this collection include recordings and presentation slides from LVAM lectures with curators and artists. Other digital files include photographs from LVAM events and workings files from LVAM staff.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact UNLV Special Collections and Archives for additional information.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2009 by the Las Vegas Art Museum via Anne Kellogg; accession number 2009-04. Subsequent additions were transferred from the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art in 2022 and 2023; accession numbers 2022-001, 2022-037, and 2023-046.

Appraisal Note

Duplicate publications of magazines in this acquisition that already exist in the Special Collections Periodicals and in the Architectural Library Periodicals have been removed from this collection. In 2022, Tammi Kim reviewed and deleted empty folders and extraneous system files from the digital files.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard brought the collection into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017 Joyce Moore edited and updated content description and published Archives Space finding aid. In 2022, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2022 additions and updated the finding aid. Digital files were transferred off of optical discs, a floppy disk, and external hard drive. Digital files were roughly organized by topic. No access files were created for any files at this time. In 2023, Tammi Kim rehoued the 2023 addition and updated the finding aid. Files from one optical disc were also transferred and an access copy was created.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Las Vegas Art League Scrapbooks, 1966-1967. MS-00185. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas Contemporary Arts Center Records, 1985-2012. MS-00643. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Art, Modern
- Arts and Humanities -- Las Vegas
- Art -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- photographs
- Las Vegas Art League

Legacy Digital Media

Ingested optical discs, floppy disk, and external hard drive are stored in box 00 on MS 13.11.1 - box 00 is not listed in the inventory.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Las Vegas Art League and Las Vegas Art Museum business records: meeting minutes, member lists, reports, income statements, employee disputes, press releases, newsletters, fiscal planning materials, Las Vegas Art Museum Foundation, Relocation Capital Campaign, correspondence, 1952-2007	box 01
Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1953-2008	box 01
Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1953-2008	box 02
Honors and Awards, 1987-2007	box 03
Publicity and informational materials, 1999-2007	box 03
Exhibit catalogs and promotional material, 1990 to 2008	box 03
Members and volunteers, 2000-2006	box 03
Photographic negatives, undated Physical Description: 35 Photographic Negatives	box 03
Slides, undated Physical Description: 35 Photographic Slides	box 03
"Adventures in a Temperate Climate" a book by Martin Mull, 2006	box 03
Event invitations, 2006-2008	box 03
Video recordings of museum exhibits, exhibit installations, display materials, 2001-2002 Physical Description: 5 VHS Tapes Physical Description: 1 Betacam	box 03
Audio/visual recordings of radio interviews on KNPR, 2005-2009 Physical Description: 14 Optical Discs	box 03
T-shirts, undated	box 03
Exhibit postcards, 2004-2008	box 04
Las Vegas Art Museum, newsletter, 2006-2008	

	box 04
VURB, City Living in the New West, 2006-2007	box 04
BLVDS Las Vegas, 2007	box 04
Forum, an American Institute of Architecture publication, 2007 February	box 04
Luxury Las Vegas, 2006 October, 2007 February	box 04
Las Vegas Home and Design, 2007 June	box 04
Gallery Guides, 2006-2007	box 04
Magazine articles, 2006-2008	box 04
2022 additions	
West Sahara Library Gallery Space under the Las Vegas Museum of Art: architectural drawings, 1994	flat file 05
LVAM exhibition and events including Fall Art Roundup, artist lectures, and permanent collection: photographic prints and slides, 2000 to 2008	box 06 box 08 box 09
Walter Giroto Retrospective Exhibition artwork: photographic slides, 2003	box 06
LVAM campus, exhibition, and events: photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1987 to 1999	box 08 box 09
Walter Giroto opening exhibition photographs, website with available paintings and drawings, 2001 to 2003 Physical Description: 1,102 Digital Files (0.046 GB) BTR, CNF, CSS, DB, EXE, GIF, HTM, ICO, INF, INI, JPG, JS, LCK, TXT, UTF8	digital file 00
LVAM events, interviews, local news coverage, approximately 1990 to 1999 Physical Description: 23 VHS Tapes	box 07
LVAM audiotapes, 2004 June 15 to 2004 June 17 Physical Description: 4 Audio Cassettes	box 07
LVAM administrative files (from external hard drive), 1996 to 2009 Physical Description: 16,577 Digital Files (117.000 GB) AI, AIT, BMP, CR2, CSS, DAT, DATA, DB, DLL, DMG, DOC, DS-STORE, EPS, EXE, GIF, HTM, HTML, INDD, INF, INFO, IPHOTO, JPG, JS, LCK, LNK, MPG, OTF, PDF, PFB, PIM, PNG, PPT, PSD, RAW, TIF, TTF, TXT	digital file 00
"Desert Architecture" lecture series, 2008 March 13 Physical Description: 10 Digital Files (3.680 GB) BUP, IFO, VOB	digital file 00
Las Vegas Diaspora gala, panel discussion presentations, 2007 Physical Description: 23 Digital Files (7.910 GB) BUP, IFO, PPT, VOB	digital file 00
Various LVAM event digital photographs, promotional files, 2004 to 2008	digital file 00

Physical Description: 1,289 Digital Files (1.770 GB) CDA, DB, DOC, JPG, PDF

Sush Gaikotsu presentation slide deck, 2007 October 23 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0023 GB) PPT	digital file 00
Frank Gehry documentary trailer, presentation slide decks, audio tour files, event photographs, 2001 to 2007 Physical Description: 169 Digital Files (2.600 GB) BUP, CR2, DLL, EXE, HTM, IFO, JPG, PPT, TXT, VOB	digital file 00
Victoria Gitman lecture presentation slides, 2008 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.158 GB) DOC, PPT	digital file 00
Dave Hickey lecture presentation slides, 2007 October 19 Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (0.055 GB) PPT	digital file 00
"Roy Lichtenstein Prints 1956-97" Suitcase Gallery presentation slides and script, LVAM vouchers, 2006 Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (DOC, PPT)	digital file 00
Paul Morrison presentation slides, 2008 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0002 GB) PPT	digital file 00
Leah Ollman "From Wow to Why: Some Thoughts on the Art of Victoria Gillman" presentation, 2008 March 21 Physical Description: 9 Digital Files (BUP, IFO, VOB)	digital file 00
Kaz Oshiro presentation slides, 2007 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.015 GB) PPT	digital file 00
Robert Smithson presentation slides, 2008 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.002 GB) PPT	digital file 00
"Southern California Minimalism" presentation slides, 2007 November 20 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.009 GB) PPT	digital file 00
"Revealing Women" and permanent collection display list of works, 2003 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (DOC)	digital file 00
Cindy Wright presentation slides, 2007 November 20 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.004 GB) PPT	digital file 00
Museum press and promotional materials, 1961 to 2009	box 10 box 11 box 12 box 13
Museum annual financial reports, annual insurance policies, bylaws, institutional history, 1994 to 2007	box 13 box 14
Exhibition promotional files, 1994 to 2008	box 14

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	box 16
	box 17
	box 18
Frank Gehry-Lou Ruvo exhibition teachers' guide, miscellaneous press, and LVAM exhibition lists, 2005 to 2007	box 18
Las Vegas Diaspora teachers' guide, exhibition book, 2007	box 19
Phyllis Sloane slide scans, 2004 Physical Description: 84 Digital Files (0.655 GB) TIF	digital file 00
Regional Fall Art Round Up 2nd place winner, Monique van der Harst-Neugebauer "Rebirth of Sentia" announcement, 2004 Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (0.015 GB) JPG, PSD	digital file 00
Santa Fe exhibition wall text and list of artists, 2005 Physical Description: 4 Digital Files (0.009 GB) DOC, PDF	digital file 00
SoCal Minimalism exhibition brochure, 2005 Physical Description: 15 Digital Files (0.153 GB) INDD, OTF, TIF, TXT	digital file 00
Roy Lichtenstein teachers' guide transparencies and poster design, 2005 Physical Description: 8 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF	digital file 00
2023 addition	
Las Vegas Art Guild scrapbook, 1950 to 1955	oversized box 24
Las Vegas Art Guild scrapbook, volume 2, 1956 to 1957	oversized box 26
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 3, 1957 to 1959	oversized box 27
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 4, 1959 to 1960	oversized box 28
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 5, 1961	oversized box 26
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 6, 1961 to 1962	oversized box 21
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 7, 1963 to 1965	oversized box 20
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 8, 1965 to 1966	oversized box 20
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 10, 1966 to 1967	oversized box 28
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 11, 1967 to 1968	

	oversized box 22
Las Vegas Art League scrapbook, volume 12, 1969 to 1971	oversized box 23
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbooks, 1982 Physical Description: 2 Items	oversized box 30
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1983	oversized box 29
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1984	oversized box 31
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1985	box 32
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1986 to 1987	oversized box 25
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1988 to 1989	box 32
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1990 to 1992	box 32
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1996	oversized box 31
Las Vegas Art Museum scrapbook, 1997 to 1998	box 33
Las Vegas Art Museum gala photograph album, 2002	box 33
Artist biographies, approximately 1984	box 33
Las Vegas Art Museum overview, 1986	oversized box 29
Las Vegas Art Museum "Enrich, Enlighten" history and overview scrapbook, approximately 2001	box 33
Laura Goodman memorial video used for LVAM gala, 2005 Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.815 GB) M4V	digital file 00
LVAM backup data tapes, 2005 Physical Description: 6 Items 4mm data tapes	box 33