

Guide to the Wynn Las Vegas Scrapbook

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Areu, Ryan
Title:	Wynn Las Vegas Scrapbook
ID:	MS-00690
Date [inclusive]:	1940-2008
Physical Description:	1.6 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection consists of one scrapbook (2008) of postcards and photographs tracing the history of the Las Vegas property upon which the Wynn Las Vegas resort was built and four magazines featuring articles about Las Vegas (1940, 1947, 1955, and 1959). The scrapbook begins with several pages of historic postcards of the hotel originally built on the property, the Desert Inn, and continues with the establishment of the Wynn and the vision of its associated resort, the Encore. While the images primarily focus on the Desert Inn and the Wynn, there are also several pages of images of various other Las Vegas Strip properties accompanied by a brief timeline. The scrapbook contains approximately 76 images, dating from 1950 to 2008.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Wynn Las Vegas is a resort and casino located on the Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Nevada. It was constructed on the land previously occupied by the Desert Inn, which Steve Wynn purchased in 2000. Between 2001 and 2004, Wynn decided to implode most of the Desert Inn towers to make room for the Wynn Las Vegas. The Wynn opened April 28, 2005.

Source: "The Rise and Fall and Rise of an Icon". Las Vegas Today and Tomorrow, accessed May 27, 2015. <http://www.vegastodayandtomorrow.com/desert.htm>.

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Scope and Contents note

The collection is primarily comprised of a scrapbook (2008) of postcards and photographs tracing the history of the Las Vegas property upon which the Wynn Las Vegas resort is built. The scrapbook begins with several pages of historic postcards of the hotel originally built on the property, the Desert Inn, and continues with the establishment of the Wynn and the vision of its associated resort, the Encore. While the images primarily focus on the Desert Inn and the Wynn, there are also several pages of images of various other Las Vegas Strip properties accompanied by a brief timeline. The scrapbook contains approximately 76 images, dating from 1950 to 2008.

The scrapbook was created by Ryan Areu, an employee of the Wynn, who presented it as a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Wynn in 2008. Also included are four magazines (1940, 1947, 1955, and 1959) featuring Las Vegas, which Areu gave to the Wynns with the scrapbook.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Steve Wynn; accession number 2014-095.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Dallas Reiber in 2015. Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

Revision Description

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Names and Subjects

- Casinos
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Wynn Las Vegas

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Scrapbook, 1940-2008	oversized box 01
Letter to the Wynn family from Ryan Areu, 2008	oversized box 01
Sports Illustrated "Gambling at Las Vegas", 1959	oversized box 01
LOOK "Wild, Woolly and Wide-Open", 1940	oversized box 01
Life Magazine "Las Vegas Strikes It Rich", 1947	oversized box 01
Life Magazine "Las Vegas--Is Boom Overextended?", 1955	oversized box 01