



## Guide to the Aladdin Hotel and Casino Photograph 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>	Aladdin Hotel and Casino
<b>Title:</b>	Aladdin Hotel and Casino Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PH-00184
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	approximately 1966 to 1979
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.04 Cubic Feet (1 hanging file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.04 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Aladdin Hotel and Casino Photograph Collection (approximately 1966 to 1979) consists of thirteen black-and-white and color photographic prints. Included are images of architectural renderings, exterior views of the hotel entrance and theater, and interior views of the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, convention area, dining areas, and guest suites and rooms.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Background

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In 1966 Milton Prell purchased the Kings Crown Tally Ho in Las Vegas, Nevada, and after three months of renovations, reopened the property as the Aladdin Hotel and Casino. In 1974 construction began on a proposed fifty-million dollar expansion including the seven hundred room Tower of Majesty and the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts. These new additions would open to the public in 1976 with music icon Neil Diamond as the first performance in the new theater. Over the next two decades, the property and its owners would deal with financial and legal troubles, forced closures, and ownership changes. In 1998 everything except the theater

and the marquee sign was imploded and construction began on the new Aladdin. The new Aladdin opened in August 2000, which later experienced financial problems and entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in September 2001. In 2003 the property was sold in bankruptcy to Planet Hollywood International, Inc. and Starwood Hotels and Resorts, and after four years of renovations, the property reopened in 2007 as Planet Hollywood Las Vegas Resort and Casino.

Source:

"Chronology of the Aladdin hotel-casino." *Las Vegas Sun*, August 18, 2000. Accessed February 20, 2020. <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2000/aug/18/chronology-of-the-aladdin-hotel-casino/>

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## Arrangement Note

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Note

In 2020, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Nicole Batten wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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## Names and Subjects

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- photographs
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Theater -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Hotels -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History
- Interior decoration

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Photographic prints, approximately 1966 to 1979 Physical Description: 13 Photographic Prints	