



Guide to the Showboat Atlantic City Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Showboat Atlantic City
Title:	Showboat Atlantic City Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00329
Date:	1986
Physical Description:	0.08 Cubic Feet (2 hanging files)
Physical Description:	0.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Showboat Atlantic City Photograph Collection (1986) contains black-and-white and color photographic prints and conceptual sketches of the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The photographs depict casino patrons in various locations throughout the Showboat, and the sketches show exterior and interior designs.

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Organizational History Note

The Showboat Hotel, Casino, and Bowling Center opened on March 30, 1987 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 1998, Showboat Inc., was purchased by Harrah's Entertainment, now Caesar's Entertainment. In May 2003, the Showboat added a 544-room hotel tower called the Orleans Tower and later remodeled the original Bourbon Tower. In June 2014, Caesars Entertainment announced the planned closure of the Showboat, and it closed on August 31, 2014. On December 13, 2014, Richard Stockton College purchased the Showboat for \$18 million, with plans to develop a full-service residential campus awarding undergraduate and graduate degrees and other professional training programs. The plan was derailed by legal issues, and Stockton sold the property to Philadelphia developer Bart Blatstein for \$23 million in January 2016.

Blatstein announced in June 2016 that the Showboat would reopen the following month as a non-gaming hotel. Theis Showboat Atlantic City Hotel opened July 8, 2016, and the large casino spaces remain empty. In late 2018, Blatstein announced plans to convert some of the hotel rooms into apartments.

Sources: "Showboat may soon offer market rate apartments." Casinos & Tourism. October 24, 2018. Accessed May 23, 2019. https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/casinos_tourism/showboat-may-soon-offer-market-rate-apartments/article_90d65334-63e3-5d39-b866-20c5b21c05df.html

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Arrangement

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Access Note

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Processing Note

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- photographs
- Casinos -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Design and construction
- Casinos -- New Jersey -- Atlantic City

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