



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:	9,624 Digital Files (17.500 GB)
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 and 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 museum hosted 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 and 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 museum hosted 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.

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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. In 2026, 56 optical discs, 1 external hard drive, and 1 3.5" floppy disk were securely disposed after files were fully transferred, processed, and preserved following UNLV Special Collections and Archives Digital Preservation guidelines.

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. In 2023, Tammi Kim rehoused the 2023 addition and updated the finding aid. Files from one optical disc were also transferred and an access copy was created. In 2026, Olivia Rodriguez created access copies of digital files following UNLV Special Collections and Archives Digital Preservation guidelines and updated the descriptions in the finding aid.

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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. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1xk57>

Las Vegas Contemporary Arts Center Records, 1985-2012. MS-00643. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1f31j>

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Names and Subjects

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

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
Las Vegas Art Museum interview footage from Las Vegas, Nevada area news channels, the Tennis channel, and radio shows along with press kit releases and photographs: digital files, 2006 to 2009 (MS_00549_045-051, MS_00549_053-057) Physical Description: 33 Digital Files (0.667 GB) JPG, MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
T-shirts, undated	box 03
Exhibit postcards, 2004-2008	box 04
Las Vegas Art Museum, newsletter, 1989, 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 Giotto Retrospective" exhibition artwork: photographic slides, 2003	box 06
Walter Giotto portfolio of available artwork and drawings on CD-ROM, 2003 (MS_00549_026) Physical Description: 1,101 Digital Files (0.0370 GB) CD-ROM optical disc Access Note: The contents of this CD-ROM represents a digital catalog that includes images of Walter Giotto's artwork and drawings. The files can be accessed through an internet web browser. At this time, the digital files are accessible through the UNLV Special Collections and Archives reading room only. Arrangements must be made in advance to access digital files; please contact Special Collections and Archives for additional information.	box 06 digital file 00
LVAM campus, exhibition, and events: photographic prints and negatives, approximately 1987 to 1999	box 08
	box 09
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
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

box 15

box 16

box 17

box 18

LVAM Architecture Lecture Series "Desert Architecture": digital video, 2008 (MS_00549_013) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (MP4) 0.296 GB	digital file 00
"Revealing Women" and Permanent Collection Display: digital file, 2003 (MS_00549_042) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.296 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Virtual Portfolio Presentations	
Sush Gaikotsu presentation slides: digital files, 2007 (MS_00549_006) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Frank Gehry presentation slides, lecture recording, documentary trailer, and design assets: digital files, 2001 to 2007 (MS_00549_010, MS_00549_019, MS_00549_030, MS_00549_034, MS_00549_035a, MS_00549_038-039) Physical Description: 139 Digital Files (0.645 GB) JPG, MP3, MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Victoria Gitman presentation slides and lecture recording: digital files, 2008 (MS_00549_005, MS_00549_014) Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.278 GB) MP4, PDF/A	digital file 00
Dave Hickey presentation slides: digital file, 2007 (MS_00549_007) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.002 GB) PDF	digital file 00
Roy Lichtenstein presentation slides: digital files, 2006 (MS_00549_021) Physical Description: 3 Digital Files (0.013 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Paul Morrison presentation slides: digital file, 2008 (MS_00549_003) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Kaz Oshiro presentation slides: digital file, 2007 (MS_00549_011) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Robert Smithson presentation slides: digital file, 2008 (MS_00549_002) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0008 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
"Southern California Minimalism Exhibition" presentation slides: digital file, 2007 (MS_00549_023) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.0009 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Cindy Wright presentation slides: digital file, 2007 (MS_00549_020) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	digital file 00
Las Vegas Art Museum Diaspora exhibition education documents, artists' panel discussion slideshow, module and gala presentations, and	digital file 00

panel discussions: digital files, 2007 (MS_00549_008-009, MS_00549_012, MS_00549_022, MS_00549_037, MS_00549_041, MS_00549_052)

Physical Description: 17 Digital Files (0.803 GB) MP4, PDF/A

Las Vegas Art Museum event files including mailing cards, pamphlets, Gala Auction signs and sheets; photographs from fundraisers, receptions, and galas: digital files, 2005 to 2008 (MS_00549_001, MS_00549_015-017, MS_00549_027-029, MS_00549_031-033, MS_00549_036, MS_00549_040, MS_00549_044)

Physical Description: 1,138 Digital Files (1.680 GB) JPG, MP3, PDF/A

LVAM staff administrative files including deaccession records, newsletters, website assets, museum outreach and marketing materials: digital files, 2004 to 2008 (MS_00549_043)

Physical Description: 1,066 Digital Files (0.879 GB) HTML, JPG, PDF, PDF/A, XML

LVAM exhibitions and events: digital photographs, 2006 to 2008 (MS_00549_058)

Physical Description: 2,066 Digital Files (4.170 GB) JPG

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority News Bureau images and presentation slides: digital files, 2006 (MS_00549_059)

Physical Description: 187 Digital Files (0.922 GB) JPG, PDF/A

Kaz Oshiro exhibition working files, photographs, and catalogues: digital files, 2005 to 2007 (MS_00549_061)

Physical Description: 1,129 Digital Files (3.040 GB) JPG, PDF, PDF/A

Roy Lichtenstein, Martin Mull, Randi Chaplin, Michael Reafsnyder, Cindy Wright, Art Roundup, Southern California Minimalism, and Scholastic Scholarship exhibition files and photographs: digital files, 2004 to 2007 (MS_00549_060)

Physical Description: 2,129 Digital Files (3.140 GB) JPG, MP4, PDF

Sush Machida Gaikotsu exhibition working files, photographs, and catalogues: digital files, 2007 (MS_00549_062)

Physical Description: 39 Digital Files (0.065 GB) JPG, PDF, PDF/A

Frank Gehry exhibition working files, photographs, and catalogues: digital files, 2006 to 2007 (MS_00549_063)

Physical Description: 451 Digital Files (0.723 GB) JPG, PDF, PDF/A

Frank Gehry-Lou Ruvo exhibition teachers' guide, miscellaneous press, and LVAM exhibition lists, 2005 to 2007

Las Vegas Diaspora teachers' guide, exhibition book, 2007

Phyllis Sloane artwork from slide scans: digital photographs, 2004 (MS_00549_064)

Physical Description: 84 Digital Files (0.053 GB) JPG

Regional Fall Art Round Up 2nd place winner, Monique van der Harst-Neugebauer "Rebirth of Sentia" announcement: digital file, 2004 (MS_00549_065)

Physical Description: 2 Digital Files (0.001 GB) JPG

Santa Fe exhibition wall text and list of artists: digital files, 2005 (MS_00549_066-067)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 4 Digital Files (0.004 GB) PDF/A	
Lichtenstein teachers' transparencies and poster design: digital files, 2005 (MS_00549_068)	digital file 00
Physical Description: 8 Digital Files (0.001 GB) PDF/A	
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: digital video, 2005 (MS_00549_069) Physical Description: 1 Digital Files (0.181 GB) MP4	digital file 00
LVAM backup data tapes, 2005 Physical Description: 6 Items 4mm data tapes	box 33