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The Winnipeg School of Art fonds

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Summary information

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Title:	The Winnipeg School of Art fonds
Title [parallel]:	School of Art
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Winnipeg School of Art, now simply the School of Art at the University of Manitoba, was established in 1913 through the efforts of the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau. The businessmen behind the Bureau established the Winnipeg Art Gallery in 1912 based on the belief that such a gallery would be a symbol of progress and cultural development. A similar mindset sustained the Bureau's decision to support a School of Art the following year. The school is Western Canada's oldest art institute and it was hoped that the school would play a role in shaping the civilization of Western Canada. The school played a major role in training Western Canadian artists throughout the twentieth century.

The early years of the school included courses on landscape sketching, life sketching, composition, artistic anatomy, animal drawing, painting, sculpture, modeling, and design. By 1915 classes for children were incorporated into the school's curriculum. Evening and Saturday courses were offered for working commercial artists in the community. Saturday classes were also offered for free to public school teachers. Early publicity for the school marketed the applied benefits of art instruction; art was viewed as a technical skill. The curriculum expanded in the aftermath of the First World War as the number of students increased.

The School of Art faced a number of financial difficulties during the mid-1920s and early 1930s. The school remained open despite such challenges, primarily through pay cuts taken by the faculty and administration. After the Second World War, interest in art education in the province increased making incorporation with the University of Manitoba possible. The School of Art was incorporated into the University of Manitoba in 1950.

Today the curriculum at the School of Art includes both a traditional focus on developing fine art techniques, and knowledge of art history. Undergraduate degrees are offered in Fine Arts, and students have the option of specializing in the study of Art History. Since 2010 the school has also offered a graduate program.

Custodial history

This collection was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by the School of Art in 2009.

Scope and content

The collection consists of School of Art Prospectuses, administration files, exhibition records, research materials, and photographs.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** The original name of the school was the Winnipeg School of Art. The name was changed to the School of Art in 1950 when the school became affiliated with the University of Manitoba.

Finding aids

An online finding aid is available at:

"MSS 291 (A.09-16)":http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/complete_holdings/ead/html/winnipeg_school_of_art.shtml

Related material

Lionel LeMoine FitzGerald fonds: "MSS 287 PC 241 TC 139 (A.09-16)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/1-1-fitzgerald-fonds;rad>

FitzGerald Family fonds: "Mss Sc 88 (A.83-09, A.83-10)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/lionel-lemoine-fitzgerald-fonds;rad>

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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Winnipeg (Man.) (place)
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Series descriptions

Series MSS 291 (A.09-16)-S1: Administration Files

Date: 1927-1989 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Helen Coy's Address Book	1976-1980		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0001
	File - Other Canadian Galleries – Addresses and Emails, etc.	1998		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0002
	File - Brigden [sub-committee meeting] transcript	1938		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0003
	File - Newspaper Clippings – Winnipeg School of Art	1927		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0004
	File - Robert Bruce Biographies	1971		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Newspaper Clippings – Robert Bruce	1963-1983		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0006
	File - Exhibition Catalogues – Robert Bruce	1948-1949		A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0007

	File - Letter from A.J. Musgrove to J.F. Eyden	1945	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0008
	File - Interkinetica and Dale Amundson – correspondence	1986	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0009
	File - Inventory of Materials sent by Beth and Jessie Ballantyne	1983	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0010
	File - Inventory of Items Donated by V. Lara Russell	1983	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0011
	File - Arnold Saper Exhibition Guestbook	1983	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0012
	File - Correspondence – Cultural Property Export and Import Act	1980	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0013
	File - Publications - School of Art	n.d.	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0014
	File - Lecture - David Arnason	1977	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0015
	File - Lectures - Ann Davies	1977	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0016
	File - Lecture - Birk Sproxton	1977	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0017
MSS 291 (A.09-16)- S1-Lecture -	File - Gissur Eliasson's Address for L.L. FitzGerald Lecture Series	1977	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0018
	File - Manitoba Artists' Photos [Cook-Endres & Tascona]	1962-1979	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0019
	File - Correspondence - Lismer, Arthur	1960	A2009-016, Box 0001 A2009-016, File 0020
	File - Collected Articles	1983-1989	A2009-016, Box 0001

				A2009-016, File 0021
Series MSS 291 (A.09-16)-S2: Prospectuses				
<u>Date:</u> 1917-1984 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Photocopies of prospectuses	1917-1949		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0001
	File - Prospectuses	1926-1936		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0002
	File - Prospectuses	1937-1954		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0003
	File - Prospectuses	1954-1962		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0004
	File - Prospectuses (Summer School)	1956-1957		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Course Announcements and Exhibitions	1951-1984		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0006
	File - Prospectuses	n.d.		A2009-016, Box 0002 A2009-016, File 0007
Series MSS 291 (A.09-16)-S3: Prospectus Drafts and Exhibition				
<u>Date:</u> 1950-1984 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Prospectus Drafts				
<u>Date:</u> 1950-1959 (date of creation)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Prospectus Drafts	1950-1951		A2009-016, Box 0003

		A2009-016, File 0001
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1951-1952	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0002
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1952-1953	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0003
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1953-1954	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0004
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1954-1955	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1956-1957	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0006
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1957-1958	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0007
	File - Prospectus Drafts 1958-1959	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0008

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Date: 1982-1984 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Estimate Budget	1983-1984		A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0009
	File - Correspondence Copies	1982-1984		A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0010
	File - Correspondence re: Loan Requisitions [folder 1 of 2]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0011
	File - Correspondence re: Loan Requisitions [folder 2 of 2]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0012
	File - Copyright Requirements	1983-1984		A2009-016, Box 0003

			A2009-016, File 0013
	File - Correspondence and Notes from Marilyn Baker [folder 1 of 2]	1984	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0014
	File - Correspondence and Notes from Marilyn Baker [folder 2 of 2]	1984	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0015
	File - Expenditures	1983-1984	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0016
	File - Insurance	1984	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0017
	File - Invitation List - General	1984	A2009-016, Box 0003 A2009-016, File 0018

Series MSS 291 (A.09-16)-S4: Exhibition and Research Material

Date: 1980-1984 (date of creation)

File / item list

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Date: 1982-1984 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Loan Requisitions [folder 1 of 2]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0001
	File - Loan Requisitions [folder 2 of 2]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0002
	File - Manitoba Arts Council Proposal Presentation	1983		A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0003
	File - Miscellaneous [correspondence, notes, articles]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0004
	File - Miscellaneous [correspondence, notes, articles]	1984		A2009-016, Box 0004

			A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Old Business [Photos for Catalogue? Or Book?]	1982-1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Printers [re: Baker Manuscript]	1983-1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0006
	File - Draft Biographies of Winnipeg Artists	1982-1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0007
	File - Photocopy of "The Early Years – Winnipeg School of Art 1913-1934"	1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0008
	File - Rough Notes and Draft of Marilyn Baker's "The Early Years – Winnipeg School of Art 1913-1934" [Folder 1 of 2]	1980-1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0009
	File - Rough Notes and Draft of Marilyn Baker's "The Early Years – Winnipeg School of Art 1913-1934" [Folder 2 of 2]	1980-1984	A2009-016, Box 0004 A2009-016, File 0010

Series MSS 291 (A.09-16)-S5: Research Material and Photographs

Date: 1917-1986 (date of creation)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Photocopies of Photographs	1980-1984		A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0001
	File - Photocopies of Western Home Monthly Illustrations and Articles 1928-1931	1983-1984		A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0002
	File - Research re: Early Manitoba Personalities	1982-1984		A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0003
	File - Nan Rice Research, Winnipeg Sketch Club	1970		A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0004
	File - Interviews with early Winnipeg School of Art Students	1983		A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0005
	File - Technical School Research/ Bonnie's Paper	1982-1984		A2009-016, Box 0005

		A2009-016, File 0006
	File - Jill Wade Biographical Notes - photocopies	1982-1984 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0007
	File - Baker, Marilyn – Correspondence [folder 1 of 2]	1982-1983 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0008
	File - Baker, Marilyn – Correspondence [folder 2 of 2]	1982-1983 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0009
	File - Photos from the Winnipeg Art Gallery	1986 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0010
	File - Photos of Art taken by Gordon Aikman	195? A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0011
	File - Photos of Art taken by Gordon Aikman	1959 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0012
	File - Photos of Art	n.d. A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0013
	File - Canadian Art Paintings #5501	n.d. A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0014
	File - Artwork - Robert Bruce	n.d. A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0015
	File - Slides of Bruce's Paintings	1961-1978 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0016
	File - Portraits of Robert Bruce	n.d. A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0017
	File - Christmas Cards Sent to Laura Borgford from Winnipeg School of Art Artists	1927-1936 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0018
	File - C.K. Gebhardt	1926-1945 A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0019

	File - Small Paintings – Various Artists of the Winnipeg Art School	1917-1929	A2009-016, Box 0005 A2009-016, File 0020
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