

Finding Aid for the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids oral history collection Collection 168

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids oral history collection
Date	1992
Extent	1.5 Linear feet Three boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids was a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the arts in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. This collection contains ten interviews with participants instrumental in the formation and early years of the Council. These participants include: Tom Heywood, who served as executive director for 15 years; Ann Mulder, who served as president; Joan White Gillette, the first secretary; Ken and Marty Childs, both of whom served on the Mayor's Cultural Committee; and Nancy Mulnix who helped gain Federal recognition of various arts councils in West Michigan. The interviews were conducted by local media favorite Buck Matthews. No transcriptions are available yet for these interviews.</p>

Scope and Contents note

These interviews for the Oral History Project of the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids were conducted by Buck Matthews. Those interviewed are among the many who played significant roles in the life, activities and accomplishments of the Council and other local arts organizations.

Interviewees include: Tom Heywood, who served as executive director of the Council for 15 years; Ann Mulder, who served as president of the Council; and Joan White Gillette, the first secretary for the Council. Interviewees from outside the Council include: Ken and Marty Childs, both of whom served on the Mayor's Cultural Committee, formed in 1962, which was a genesis for the Arts Council; and Nancy Mulnix who helped gain Federal recognition of various arts councils in West Michigan.

No signed release forms have been found for this collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, June 22, 1992. No accession number.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Coll. 001, Nancy Mulnix Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids.

Genre(s)

- oral histories

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Art -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Volunteer workers in the arts -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Series I. Audio Cassette Usage Tapes

Collection Inventory

Series I. Audio Cassette Usage Tapes		
	Box	Folder
Bradshaw, Molley and LaClaire, David; January 13, 1992	1	1
<p>General note</p> <p>Bradshaw served as co-chair of Festival in 1971 and is an active member of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. LaClaire is a former president of the Grand Rapids Art Museum and Rotary Club.</p>		
Calkins, Richard and DeMaagd, Pete; January 14, 1992	1	2
<p>General note</p> <p>Calkins served as president of Grand Rapids Community College from 1983-1985 and president of the Arts Council. DeMaagd is a columnist and dining reviewer for the Grand Rapids Press, and served as vice-president of the Arts Council and co-chair of Festival in 1980.</p>		
Childs, Ken and Marty; April 17, 1992	1	3
<p>General note</p> <p>Ken and Marty Childs are active members of Festival and the Arts Council. Both also served in the Mayors Cultural Committee, formed in 1962, which preceded the Arts Council.</p>		

Series I. Audio Cassette Usage Tapes

Gillette, Joan White and Poltrock, Nancy; April 16, 1992

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General note

Gillette served as the first secretary of the Arts Council and is a member of Opera Grand Rapids. Poltrock served as co-chair of Festival in 1980 and is a member of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and Opera Grand Rapids.

Goodrich, Laura and Gordon; January 16, 1992

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General note

Laura and Gordon Goodrich managed the Graphics Committee of Festival and are active in the Civic Theater.

Heywood, Tom and Neu, Joanne; May 21, 1992

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General note

Heywood served as executive director of the Arts Council for 15 years. Neu served as co-chair of Festival in 1981.

Mulder, Ann and Warnshuis, Roger; May 18, 1992

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General note

Mulder served as president of Arts Council and was co-chair of Festival. Warnshuis served as treasurer of the Arts Council.

Mulnix, Nancy and Orr, Karin; January 14, 1992

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Series II. Original 7.5 IPS reel to reel tapes.

General note

Both Mulnix and Orr are recognized as volunteer leaders in the Grand Rapids arts community. Mulnix helped gain Federal recognition of the various arts councils in West Michigan and was instrumental in Grand Rapids' acquisition of the Calder. Orr served as co-chair of Festival in 1975, was a member of the Arts Council Board of Trustees and is active in the Circle and Civic Theaters.

Poppen, Lois and Crosby, Betty Jean; January 16, 1992	1	9
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General note

Poppen served on the board of Opera Grand Rapids, Women's Symphony Committee, Grand Rapids Ballet Company and was co-chair of Festival in 1974. Crosby served as co-chair of Festival in 1970 and is active in the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

Sadler, Robert and Matthews, Buck; April 17, 1992	1	10
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General note

Sadler served as treasurer of the Arts Council and was on the executive committee of the Arts Council.

Series II. Original 7.5 IPS reel to reel tapes.

	Box	Folder
Bradshaw, Molly and LaClaire David; January 13, 1992. (In two parts)	1	11-12
Calkins, Richard and DeMaagd, Pete; January 14, 1992. (In two parts)	1	13-14

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Childs, Ken and Mary; April 17, 1992. (In two parts)	2	15-16
Gillette, Joan White and Poltrock, Nancy; April 16, 1992. (In two parts)	2	17-18
Goodrich, Laura and Gordon; January 16, 1992. (In two parts)	2	19-20
Heywood, Tom and Neu, Joanne; May 21, 1992. (In two parts)	2	21-22
Mulder, Ann and Warnshuis, Roger; May 18, 1992. (In two parts)	3	23-24
Mulnix, Nancy and Orr, Karin; January 14, 1992. (In two parts)	3	25-26
Poppen, Lois and Crosby, Betty Jean; January 16, 1992. (In two parts)	3	27-28
Sadler, Robert and Matthews, Buck; April 17, 1992.	3	29