

Minneapolis College of Art and Design Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Minneapolis College of Art and Design.
Title	Minneapolis College of Art and Design Collection
Date	1886-2002
Extent	2.17 Linear feet
Language	English

History

In 1883 the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts was founded. This society would give rise to the Minneapolis Art Institute, The Children's Theater, and the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. The Minneapolis College of Art and Design began as the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, led by President Douglas Volk. The school held its first classes in 1886 in a rented apartment in downtown Minneapolis. 28 students were enrolled in the school, 26 of which were women. In 1889, the school relocated to the top floor of the newly built Minneapolis Public Library at Tenth Street and Hennepin.

In 1893, notable painter Robert Koehler moved from New York to Minneapolis to become the new president of the school. For the next ten years he worked to develop the curriculum known today as the art education field. By the end of the century, the school had two instructors and had instituted a summer term as well as night classes. The School changed its name to the Minneapolis School of Art to shed light on its main focus of study. In 1915, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts is built and the school is temporarily housed in the museum. In 1915, Ethel Morrison Van Derlip and her brother, Dr. Angus Washburn Morrison, pledged \$50,000 to construct the School's first permanent facility. The Julia Morrison Memorial Building opened in 1916. In 1917 Mary Moulton Chaney becomes the school's first female president.

Many notable artists graduated from the school between the years 1915 and 1960 including Wanda Gag, George Morrison, and Rob Roy Kelly. In 1959, the school became one of the first accredited art schools in America. In 1970, the school changed its name one last time to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design to reflect its professionalism and its coveted bachelor's degrees. A new building designed by architect Kenzo Tange is constructed for the college in 1974, alongside the new Children's Theater Company and additions to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. In 1988 the College severs its ties with the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts and MCAD and the MIA function as separate entities. In the 1990s the college introduced its first master's program and also started an annual art sale of student work. In the 2000s, I.D. Magazine named the school one of the nation's Top Ten Design Schools.

Description of Collection

The collection consists of 5 boxes. Box 1 and 2 include catalogs from the Minneapolis School of Fine Arts and the Minneapolis School of Art covering 1886 to 1961. Box 2 also houses press releases, newsletters, reports, bulletins, invites and programs from the Minneapolis School of Art from 1933-1974. Minneapolis School of Art clippings and miscellaneous continue into box 3, which also includes catalogs for the Minneapolis College of Art and Design from 1971 to 2002. Boxes 4 and 5 include all Minneapolis College of Art and Design materials including press releases, newsletters, reports, bulletins, invitations, programs, faculty guides, annual reports, and miscellaneous material.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

See also: The Society of Fine Arts Collection (SCMC M/A 2013.02.01-04).

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Minneapolis School of Art.

Subject(s)

- Art schools -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

Minneapolis School of Fine Arts

Collection Inventory

Minneapolis School of Fine Arts		
	Box	Folder
Catalogs 1886-1900	1	1
Catalogs 1900-1906	1	2
Catalogs 1906-1910	1	3
Minneapolis School of Art		
	Box	Folder
Catalogs 1910-1913	1	4
Catalogs 1913-1919	1	5
Catalogs 1919-1924	1	6
Catalogs 1924-1930	1	7
Catalogs 1931-1941	2	1
Catalogs 1942-1945	2	2

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Catalogs 1946-1953	2	3
Catalogs 1954-1961	2	4
Press Releases 1964-1969	2	5
Reports and Newsletters 1950-1974	2	6
Bulletins 1933-1962	2	7
Invites and Programs 1925-1947	2	8
Clippings Early-1950	3	1
Clippings 1960-1970	3	2
Miscellaneous 1935-1988	3	3
Minneapolis College of Art and Design		
	Box	Folder
Catalogs 1971-1977	3	4
Catalogs 1979-1984	3	5
Catalogs 1987-1988	3	6

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Catalogs 1989	3	7
Catalogs 1990-2002	3	8
Catalogs No Dates	3	9
Press Releases 1969-1976	4	1
Reports, Newsletters, Bulletins 1970-1996	4	2
Invites and Programs 1974-2004	4	3
Invites and Programs No Dates	4	4
Clippings 1970-1980	4	5
Clippings 1981-1990	4	6
Clippings 1991-2000	4	7
Miscellaneous 1973-2002	4	8
Miscellaneous: Self Study 1976	5	1
Miscellaneous: Handbooks 1975-1977	5	2
Promotional Material undated, 2005	5	3

Posters

Annual Reports 1996-1998	5	4
Annual Reports 1999-2003	5	5
Posters Undated, 1975-1990		Upsize Posters
Scope and Contents note		
17 posters		