

Weisman Art Museum Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum.
Creator	University of Minnesota Art Gallery.
Title	Weisman Art Museum Collection
Date	1936-2011
Extent	2.0 boxes
Language	English

History

The University Art Gallery was opened in 1933 in the Northrup Memorial Auditorium. Then-University president Lotus Coffman said, "there is a need for new values to sustain the morale of individuals in the days ahead. The arts are a source for such values and I want this university to play a leading part in instilling them." The gallery was initially called the "Little Gallery". The museum's first curator was Hudson D. Walker. When Walker died, his collection of American art from the first half of the twentieth century that he shared with his wife, Ione, was donated to the museum.

The name of this gallery changed to the University Gallery, and then the University Art Museum. Eventually it was dubbed the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, after a major contribution from the Minneapolis native, entrepreneur, and noted philanthropist.

The museum's current building, a silvery futuristic-looking structure, was designed by architect Frank Gehry. The building opened in 1993.

The museum is particularly noted for its American collection including multiple works by Marsden Hartley, Alfred Maurer, and Charles Biederman, as well as its collection of ceramics. The museum's mission is to "create art experiences that spark discovery, critical thinking, and transformation, linking the University and the community."

As of 1993, the museum was funded entirely from private sources.

Description of Collection

This collection consists of one box containing newspaper and magazine clippings, brochures, newsletters, fundraising materials, and press releases relating to the Weisman Art Museum. The material is arranged chronologically in two parts: under the museum's current name (the Weisman Art Museum) and its older name (the University Art Gallery). Materials on the University Gallery and University Art Museum are filed with the earlier material.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum.
- University of Minnesota Art Gallery.

Subject(s)

- Art -- Minnesota
- Art museums -- Minnesota.

University Art Gallery, 1933-1990

Collection Inventory

University Art Gallery, 1933-1990		
	Box	Folder
History 1936-1951, undated	1	1
Clippings		
	Box	Folder
Clippings 1937-1969, undated	1	2
Clippings 1970-1975	1	3
Clippings 1976-1979	1	4
Clippings 1980-1982	1	5
Clippings 1983-1984	1	6
Clippings 1985-1988	1	7
Clipping 1989-1990	1	8
Miscellaneous Brochures & Fundraising Undated, 1983-1986	Box	Folder
	1	9
Scope and Contents note		

Press Releases

	Box	Folder
Press Releases 1972-1983	1	10
Exhibition Programs		
	Box	Folder
Exhibition Programs 1935-1942	1	11
Exhibition Programs 1950-1959	1	12
Exhibition Programs 1964-1969	1	13
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1972-1976	1	14
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1977-1979	1	15
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1980-1984	1	16
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1985-1990	1	17
Weisman Art Museum, 1991-		
General 1993, undated	Box	Folder
	2	1
Clippings		
	Box	Folder

Newsletters

Clippings 1991-1993	2	2
Clippings 1994-1997	2	3
Clippings 1998-2001, 2011	2	4
Newsletters 1992-2002	Box	Folder
	2	5
Fundraising undated	Box	Folder
	2	6
Brochures & Exhibition Programs		
	Box	Folder
Exhibition Programs & Invitations undated	2	7
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1993-1997	2	8
Exhibition Programs & Invitations 1998-2005	2	9
Press Releases		
	Box	Folder
Press Releases 1994-1997	2	10
Press Releases 1998-1999	2	11
Press Releases 2000-2001	1	12

Realia

Realia 1993	Box	Folder
	2	13
Posters Undated, 1965-1998		Oversize Posters
Scope and Contents note		
24 posters		