

Seattle Arts Commission and Municipal Art Commission Annual Reports, 1955-[ongoing]

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). City Clerk
Title	Seattle Arts Commission and Municipal Art Commission Annual Reports
Dates	1955-[ongoing] (inclusive) 1955 9999
Quantity	.2 cubic foot, (1 box)
Collection Number	1802-I2
Summary	Annual reports of the Seattle Arts Commission and its predecessor, the Municipal Art Commission.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Seattle Arts Commission (SAC), an advisory body of fifteen members appointed by the Mayor, was established in 1971 to support public arts programs and promote public awareness of the performing and fine arts. Staff support was originally provided by the Seattle Center. In 1973, SAC began administering the City's One Percent for Art Program. SAC replaced the Municipal Arts Commission (created in 1955 through Ordinance 84162), which advised City government regarding the artistic and cultural development of the City. In 1957, the advisory responsibility of the Commission was extended to recommendations regarding the design of new physical structures to be constructed in the City. In 1961, the Commission's responsibilities were broadened to include historic preservation recommendations.

Content Description

Annual reports of the Seattle Arts Commission and its predecessor organization, the Municipal Art Commission, date from 1955 to 1984; researchers should note there is a gap from 1962 to 1980. Early

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reports discuss goals of the Commission, recommendations for projects and programs, and actions taken in the areas of art, music, dance, theatre, and general City beautification through the planting of trees, plants, and flowers, the installation of public art, and enhancements to Seattle parks and waterfronts.

Reports from the 1980s include organization charts, budget information, and descriptions of programs such as One Percent for Art, Artists in the City, and the Neighborhood Arts program, among others.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Annual reports are arranged chronologically by year.

Custodial History

Records were originally filed with the City Clerk in the Comptroller/Clerk's Files (CFs) and were removed to create this record series.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Municipal Art Commission Annual Report	1955
1/1	Municipal Art Commission Annual Report	1956
1/1	Municipal Art Commission Annual Report	1960
1/1	Municipal Art Commission Annual Report	1962

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/2	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1980
1/2	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1981
1/2	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1982
1/2	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1983
1/2	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1984
1/3	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1987
1/4	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	199
1/4	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1992
1/4	Seattle Arts Commission Annual Report	1995

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Art commissions--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Art, Municipal--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Arts--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Community arts projects--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Performing arts--Washington (State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Artists in the City Program (Seattle, Wash.)
 Neighborhood Arts Program (Seattle, Wash.)
 One Percent for Art (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government

Form or Genre Terms :

Annual reports

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Seattle Arts Commission
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