Ewen Dingwall and Paul Thiry Oral History Interviews on Century 21 and Seattle Center, 1991

Overview of the Collection

**Creator** Seattle Center Foundation  
**Title** Ewen Dingwall and Paul Thiry Oral History Interviews on Century 21 and Seattle Center  
**Dates** 1991 (inclusive)  
**Quantity** 6 audiocassettes  
**Collection Number** Lib1992.39  
**Summary** Interviews with Ewen Dingwall and Paul Thiry about the Century 21 Exposition (Seattle World's Fair) and Seattle Center  
**Repository** Museum of History & Industry, Sophie Frye Bass Library  
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**Access Restrictions** Access to the original analog recordings is restricted due to lack of playback equipment. Contact repository for more information.  
**Languages** English.  
**Sponsor** Funding to inventory, assess preservation concerns, and rehouse the collection was provided through a 2019 grant awarded by 4Culture.

Content Description

The collection consists of two interviews conducted by Lorraine McConaghy for the Seattle Center Foundation with Ewen Dingwall and Paul Thiry concerning their impressions of the development of the Century 21 Exposition (Seattle World's Fair) and subsequent Seattle Center. Ewen Dingwall’s interviews took place on May 28, 1991 and August 6, 1991. Paul Thiry’s interviews took place on November 1, 1991.

Use of the Collection

**Alternative Forms Available**  
Transcripts available for both interviews; restrictions may apply.

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Administrative Information

Location of Collection

4a.4.10; 11b.3.3

Custodial History

The interviews were commissioned by the Seattle Center Foundation in 1991, and donated to MOHAI in 1992.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Seattle Center Foundation, April 27, 1992

Detailed Description of the Collection

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<td>Interview with Ewen C. Dingwall, known as the mastermind of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair. He started his career at the Seattle Municipal League, the Washington Research Council, and served as an assistant to Mayor William Devin. He was appointed Vice President and Executive Director of the Century 21 Exposition and Executive Director of the Seattle Civic Center Advisory Board. Transcript for August 6 interview: restrictions may apply</td>
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| Interview with Paul Thiry, the principal architect of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and a major proponent of architectural modernism in the Pacific Northwest. |
He designed the Washington State Pavilion (now Key Arena), MOHAI's former home in Montlake, and the Frye Art Museum.

Transcript: restrictions may apply

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Century 21 Exposition (1962 : Seattle, Wash.)
City planning--Washington (State)--Seattle
Seattle Center (Seattle, Wash.)

Geographical Names:
Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms:
Sound recordings

Other Creators:
Personal Names:
Dingwall, Ewen C., 1913-1996
(creator)
Thiry, Paul, 1904-1993
(creator)

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