

## **Guide to the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada Records**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada Records  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | MS-00187  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1971-1999   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 37.16 Cubic Feet (58 boxes)   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 31.08 Linear Feet   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | Some materials are stored in the Lied Automated Storage and Retrieval Unit (LASR). Advanced notice may be required to access these materials.   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada (AACSN) Records are comprised of the organizational records of the Allied Arts Council, a Las Vegas, Nevada-based non-profit organization that promoted the arts and cultural life in Southern Nevada from 1971 to 1999. Materials include meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, membership information, publications, event information, project files, photographs, audio cassettes, VHS, and U-Matic tapes. |

### Preferred Citation

Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada Records, 1971-1999. MS-00187. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Historical Note

The Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada (AACSN) was a Las Vegas, Nevada-based non-profit organization that promoted arts and cultural life in Southern Nevada from 1971 to 1999. As outlined in the May 1973 bylaws, the AACSN promoted the development of local, state, and regional arts appreciation. The organization fundraised and planned events such as Jazz Month, and the annual Masque Balls, Valentine Teas, and Umbrella Affairs to promote the arts in Southern Nevada. The AACSN also published a bi-monthly magazine, *Arts Alive*, from 1981 to 1992 that featured Southern Nevadan artists and art in mediums such as painting, dance, photography, theatre, and architecture. As an outreach program, AACSN instituted the long-running Class Act program in partnership with Nevada Power. Class Act brought performers and artists

into Clark County schools to highlight the importance of the arts to students. In the early 1990s, AACSN first forwarded the idea for a Neon Park to preserve and showcase Las Vegas neon signs; the project was completed as the Neon Museum under the auspices of the City of Las Vegas. The AACSN ceased operations in 1999.

Source:

Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada Records.

"Cool Place: The Neon Boneyard - Las Vegas," accessed January 31, 2019, <https://www.theculturedlens.com/travel-muse/2017/11/5/cool-place-the-neon-boneyard-las-vegas>

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada (AACSN) Records are comprised of the organizational records of the Allied Arts Council, a Las Vegas, Nevada-based non-profit organization that promoted the arts and cultural life in Southern Nevada from 1971 to 1999. Materials include meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, membership information, event information, project files, photographs of artists and art works, audio cassettes, VHS, and U-Matic tapes. Also included are copies of the bi-monthly magazine published by the AACSN, *Arts Alive* (1981-1992) that featured Southern Nevadan artists and art, and the *Cultural Services Directory* of Southern Nevada businesses and artists.

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## Arrangement

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These records are organized into four series:

Series I. Board of directors, office, and business documents, 1971-1999;

Series II. Financial documents, licenses, and tax information, 1976-1999;

Series III. Events, programs, publications, and artist information, 1980-1998;

Series IV. Videotapes and audio cassette tapes, 1990s.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.

### Publication Rights

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada and the Las Vegas Art Museum; accession numbers T-109, 98-13, and 2000-016.

### Processing Note

This collection was initially inventoried by a Special Collections staff member in 2000. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson wrote the collection description and subsequently entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech rehoused and arranged the materials, and revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Community organization -- Nevada -- Clark County -- History
- Community organization -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Art centers
- Art -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Neon signs
- Nonprofit organizations -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- History

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## Collection Inventory

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**Series I. Board of directors, office, and business documents, 1971-1999**

Physical Description: 13.61 Cubic Feet (21 boxes)

Physical Description: 11.38 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Board of directors, office, and business documents series (1971-1999) contains documentation related to the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada's (AACSN) operations. It includes Board of Directors meeting minutes, internal office business, information about funding, funding drives, and grants, membership, and mailing lists.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

| Title/Description   | Containers |
|---|------------|
| Membership information, 1972-1990<br>Physical Description: 20 Files   | box 01     |
| Board minutes and cultural plan, 1991-1993<br>Physical Description: 15 Files                                    | box 02     |
| Board minutes, correspondence, and cultural services directory, 1980-1997<br>Physical Description: 25 Files     | box 03     |
| Board meetings, 1991-1999<br>Physical Description: 10 Files   | box 04     |
| Board publications, 1980s-1990s<br>Physical Description: 10 Files   | box 05     |
| Board financial documents, 1985-1997<br>Physical Description: 20 Files  | box 06     |
| Internal office documents, 1990s<br>Physical Description: 25 Files  | box 07     |
| Board and office internal documents, 1989-1996<br>Physical Description: 19 Files                                | box 08     |
| Board documents, users surveys, 1983-1998<br>Physical Description: 11 Files                                     | box 09     |
| Board meetings and planning retreat documents, 1991-1999<br>Physical Description: 8 Files                       | box 10     |
| "Class Act" bookings, cultural arts center proposal, 1978-1999<br>Physical Description: 13 Files                | box 11     |
| Board business documents, 1996-1999<br>Physical Description: 20 Files   | box 12     |
| Funding drives, internal office documents, incorporation documents, 1974-1999<br>Physical Description: 33 Files | box 13     |
| Office documents, employee information, 1971-1997<br>Physical Description: 24 Files                             | box 14     |
| Office documents, gift emporium information, 1980-1999  | box 15     |

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| Physical Description: 24 Files  |        |
| Board, grants, and events documents, 1980s-1990s  | box 16 |
| Physical Description: 17 Files  |        |
| Board meeting minutes, events documents, 1990-1998  | box 17 |
| Physical Description: 8 Files   |        |
| Board business documents, datebooks, 1992-1998  | box 18 |
| Physical Description: 21 Files  |        |
| Cultural directory membership lists, mailing lists, 1984-1996   | box 19 |
| Physical Description: 8 Files   |        |
| Mailing lists, grant information, 1987-1999   | box 20 |
| Physical Description: 27 Files  |        |
| Restricted materials, personally identifiable information, 1980s-1999   | box 58 |
| Physical Description: 16 Files  |        |
| Restricted: Materials are restricted to protect personally identifiable information and will be open for research use on January 1, 2074. |        |

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## Series II. Financial documents, licenses, and tax information, 1976-1999

Physical Description: 7.78 Cubic Feet (12 boxes)

Physical Description: 6.50 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Financial documents, licenses, tax information series (1976-1999) contains financial information related to the operations of the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada (AACSN), including accounts payable, deposits, expenses, taxes, and licenses, and general ledgers.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

| Title/Description                                | Containers |
|--|------------|
| Financial ledgers, 1990 November-1991 July       | box 21     |
| Physical Description: 9 Files                    |            |
| Financial ledgers, 1991 August-1992 September    | box 22     |
| Physical Description: 18 Files                   |            |
| Financial ledgers, 1992 December-1993 July       | box 23     |
| Physical Description: 14 Files                   |            |
| Financial ledgers, general, 1988-1993, undated   | box 24     |
| Physical Description: 22 Files                   |            |
| Accounts payable, license information, 1976-1993 | box 25     |
| Physical Description: 43 Files                   |            |
| Financial deposits, 1988-1999                    | box 26     |

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| Physical Description: 14 Files   |        |
| Financial statements, 1992-1996  | box 27 |
| Physical Description: 30 Files   |        |
| Accounts payable, 1988-1990  | box 28 |
| Physical Description: 33 Files   |        |
| Expenses, taxes, licenses, grant applications, 1983-1998                               | box 29 |
| Physical Description: 27 Files   |        |
| Bank and financial deposits, 1989-1990   | box 30 |
| Physical Description: 11 Files   |        |
| Licenses, National Education Association (NEA) documents, grant information, 1988-1996 | box 31 |
| Physical Description: 9 Files  |        |
| Ledgers, 1993-1996   | box 32 |
| Physical Description: 15 Files   |        |

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### Series III. Events, programs, publications, and artist information, 1980-1998

Physical Description: 14.25 Cubic Feet (22 boxes)

Physical Description: 11.92 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Events, programs, publications, and artist information series (1980-1998) contains documents, photographs, and newspaper articles related to events and programs developed and sponsored by the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada (AACSN). Materials include information about fundraising events like the Masque Ball and Valentine Tea; art auctions to benefit local artists; gallery showings; teaching and learning events; and copies of *Arts Alive*, published by AACSN. Also included are photographs of local artists, performers and their work; the AACSN *Cultural Services Directory*; and information related to the development of the Neon Museum.

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

| Title/Description  | Containers |
|--|------------|
| Masque Ball general events information, 1987-1998, undated   | box 33     |
| Physical Description: 10 Files   |            |
| "Umbrella Affair," "Jazz Month," general events, neon museum, grants, 1984-1996, undated                       | box 34     |
| Physical Description: 18 Files   |            |
| Neon Museum dispute, teaching and learning events, 1994-1998   | box 35     |
| Physical Description: 18 Files   |            |
| National Education Association (NEA) information, "Las Vegas Perspective," forms, grant information, 1989-1997 | box 36     |
| Physical Description: 23 Files   |            |
| "Choreographer's Showcase," "Honeymoon Miralda," membership information, 1990-1992, undated                    | box 37     |



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| Physical Description: 29 Files   |        |
| "Masque Ball," "Umbrella Affair," "Valentine Tea," Nevada Energy project for "Class Act", 1985-1992, undated | box 38 |
| Physical Description: 24 Files   |        |
| Nevada Energy project for "Class Act," "Jazz Month," advertising, donations, 1983-1992, undated              | box 39 |
| Physical Description: 20 Files   |        |
| "Jazz Month," "Honeymoon Miralda," Nevada Day events, 1980s-1992, undated                                    | box 40 |
| Physical Description: 16 Files   |        |
| "Masque Ball," "Class Act," newsletters, 1990-1992   | box 41 |
| Physical Description: 7 Files  |        |
| "Jazz Month," art auction, 1986-1991   | box 42 |
| Physical Description: 6 Files  |        |
| Jazz festival, "Jazz Month," gallery showings, 1986-1990s  | box 43 |
| Physical Description: 10 Files   |        |
| Cultural plan, "Showliner" magazine, "Kiss for the Arts" auction, 1991-1993, undated                         | box 44 |
| Physical Description: 10 Files   |        |
| "Masque Ball," "Jazz Month," fundraisers, artist-in-residence program, 1982-1990                             | box 45 |
| Physical Description: 19 Files   |        |
| "Arts Alive" magazine, 1981-1989   | box 46 |
| Physical Description: 9 Files  |        |
| "Arts Alive" magazine, datebook, various publications, 1990-1992   | box 47 |
| Physical Description: 9 Files  |        |
| Datebooks, photographs, newspaper articles, 1980s-1990s, undated   | box 48 |
| Physical Description: 15 Files   |        |
| Folkart newsletters, artists' guides and directories, 1982-1998, undated                                     | box 49 |
| Physical Description: 18 Files   |        |
| Artists' projects and information, community development information, 1986-1998, undated                     | box 50 |
| Physical Description: 22 Files   |        |
| Photographs: artists and art work, undated   | box 51 |
| Physical Description: 25 Files   |        |
| Photographs: artists, undated  | box 52 |
| Physical Description: 21 Files   |        |
| "Cultural Services Directory", 1980-1995   | box 53 |
| Physical Description: 11 Files   |        |
| Surveys of businesses and artists for cultural corridor development, 1992-1993                               | box 54 |

Physical Description: 7 Files

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## Series IV. Videotapes and audio cassette tapes, 1990s

Physical Description: 1.53 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)

Physical Description: 1.29 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents Note: The Videotapes and audio cassette tapes series (1990s) includes VHS and U-Matic tapes, 3.5", 5.25", floppy and Zip computer disks, and audio cassettes. The video and audio tapes include training courses and artists' performances; the computer disks are related to office internal business operations.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged by type.

| Title/Description   | Containers |
|---|------------|
| Videotape, computer disks, 1990s<br>Physical Description: 20 Items (12 VHS tapes, 3 U-Matic-S tapes, 4 3.5" floppy disks, 1 zip disk.)      | box 55     |
| Videotape, computer disks, 1990s<br>Physical Description: 17 Items (4 VHS tapes, 5 U-Matic-S tapes, 2 U-Matic tapes, 6 5.25" floppy disks.) | box 56     |
| Audio cassettes: training course, National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies, 1990<br>Physical Description: 20 Audio Cassettes                | box 57     |

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