



Jon Whyte fonds

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Part Of: Jon Whyte fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 88
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Accession Number: 553, 1315, 1497, 3854, 3865, 4020, 5301, 5663, 5869, 6283, 6785, 7498 (unproc)

Reference Code: M88 / S28 / V690

GMD: Machine-readable data file
Recording disc
Motion picture
Film
Photograph
Negative
Photograph print
Transparency
Sound recording
Cassette
Reel to reel
Textual record
Organization record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: 1948-1992

Physical Description: 4.5 m textual records. -- ca.7600 photographs: ca.6400 transparencies, ca.1200 prints and negatives. -- 27 electronic records (425 files): computer diskettes. -- 39 sound recordings: audio tape reels, audio cassettes. -- 5 motion pictures

History /

Biographical:

Jon Anthony Whyte, 1941-1992, was an author, poet, writer, editor, journalist, broadcaster, publisher, environmentalist and museum curator at Banff, Alberta, Canada. Whyte was born in Banff to Jack White, son of merchant Dave White, and Barbara Carpenter Whyte. After public school education in Banff and Medicine Hat, Alberta, he received a B.A. in English from the University of Alberta in 1964, followed by a Masters degree in Medieval English in 1967. Subsequently, he received a Masters in Communications from Stanford University, California in 1974. His thesis at Stanford was a film documentary, "Jimmy Simpson, Mountain Man". During his time at U of A, Whyte worked as a broadcaster for CKUA Radio and as a sessional Instructor at U of A, 1965-1967.

Upon returning to Banff, ca.1968, Whyte managed the Book and Art Den and helped establish Summerthought Press. In 1969 he became a columnist for the "Crag and Canyon," continuing until 1991, and in 1970 became a board member of the Peter Whyte Foundation (now Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies). From 1980 until his death, Whyte was Curator of the Heritage collections at the museum. He continued to write and publish extensively throughout the 1980s. He was involved with the formation of the Writer's Guild of Alberta and was elected its president in 1990. He received the WGA's Stephan Stephansson Award for Poetry in 1983. Whyte was also active in numerous other organizations, including the League of Canadian Poets, Alberta Museums Association, Canadian Museums Association, Interpretation Canada, Bow Valley Naturalists and the Alberta Wilderness Association.

Scope & Content:

I. Literary papers, ca.1960-1990, 154.5 cm of textual records: A. Projects (book files, Carl Rungius project, Peter and Catharine Whyte portfolio papers, other projects); B. General literary papers (loose papers and writing notebooks) includes Jon Whyte's concrete poetry; C. Career documents; D. Works by other writers and artists.

II. Personal / professional papers, 1948-1991, 325.5 cm of textual records: A. School and university papers; B. Correspondence; C. Alphabetical files; D. Travel papers; E. Organizations (incl. Writer's Guild of Alberta, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Bow Valley Naturalists, others); F. Other.

III. Electronic records, 1984-1991, 27 computer disks (425 files); files are mainly literary, with some letters and files pertaining to organizations, including the Whyte Museum

IV. Photographs and films, ca.1950-1991, ca.7600 items (mainly transparencies): A. Transparencies. Included in this sub-series are The Princess of the Stars musical drama performed in Banff National Park; B. Prints and negatives; C. Collected photographs; D. Films (5 items)

V. Sound recordings, ca.1950- 1988, 39 items.

Name Access: Whyte, Jon

Subject Access: Arts
Communications
Environment
Family and personal life

Access Restrictions: Some restriction/s on access
Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline
series and file description
electronic finding aid
searchable electronic lists for correspondence files (sub-series II.B.) and
alphabetical files (sub-series II.C.)
video reference copy for "Jimmy Simpson: mountain man"
list of available Jon Whyte publications held by the Whyte Museum
list of Jon Whyte Crag and Canyon newspaper columns

Related Material: Art works and artifacts transferred to art collection and Heritage
Collection, Whyte Museum

Creator: Whyte, Jon

Category: Arts
Communications
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Title Source: Title based on accession records and contents of fonds

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