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Description & Finding Aid:
Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography
Fonds
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Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography fonds

Dates of creation:

[ca. 1979] - 2000

Extent:

2.2 m of textual records

7 photographs

38 slides

Administrative History:

Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography is a non-profit, artist-run centre dedicated to photography and located in Toronto. Originally known as The Niagara Street Photographers' Centre and Workspace of Toronto, the collective ran a gallery space called Gallery 44. The organization was also sometimes known as Photo 44. The collective was founded in September 1979 by a group of photographic artists with a need for shared darkroom and studio space and to create an environment supportive of photography and its evolving practices. They were incorporated in October 1984. The collective offers opportunities to its members, national and international artists to exhibit and publish their work and also provides educational programming, non-commercial traditional darkroom facilities and digital imaging services.

Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography was originally located at 109 Niagara Street, where they first began mounting exhibitions and offering photography workshops. In 1986 they moved to 183 Bathurst Street to provide larger facilities to their growing membership. The Education in the Schools program was initiated in 1987 to provide photographic education at the elementary and secondary school levels. In 1994, they moved to their current location at 401 Richmond Street West. 401 Richmond is a hub for the local arts community housing artist-run centres, galleries, arts organizations and artist studios. Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography continues to support the photographic community by offering affordable darkroom rentals, digital imaging services, exhibition space, workshops, artist residencies, print sales, hosting portfolio reviews and publishing catalogues and books.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of material documenting Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography as a gallery and provider of educational programming and facilities to support photographic artists, including photographs, slides, exhibition invitations, exhibition catalogues, posters, newspaper clippings and notebooks.

Contains series:

1. Exhibition publicity
2. Board of Director files
3. Financial records
4. Grant applications
5. Administration files

Custodial history:

The materials now constituting the Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography fonds were donated by the director, Sara Angelucci in 2001.

Notes:

Conservation:

Photographs have been placed in sleeves. A large rolled poster has been flattened and stored flat.

Immediate source of acquisition:

Fonds acquired from Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography in 2001.

Arrangement:

Material comprising this fonds was received in 8 boxes. The fonds has been arranged by the archivist following the original order of the creator.

Restrictions on access:

Open. Access to Special Collections is by appointment only. Please contact the reference desk for more information.

Terms governing use and reproduction / publication:

Various copyright holders. It is the researcher's responsibility to obtain permission to publish any part of the fonds.

Accruals:

Further accruals are expected.

General note:

The publication, *Le mois de la photo à Montréal* (September 1995), was removed from the files and incorporated into the library collections of the E.P. Taylor Research Library & Archives.

Provenance access point:

Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography

SERIES 1: EXHIBITION PUBLICITY

Extent:

64 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of material related to various exhibitions and includes invitations, flyers, posters, brochures, exhibition catalogues, press releases, newspaper clippings and photocopies of newspaper articles. Individual files may contain some or all of these. The materials are arranged chronologically with files for each year. Two oversized posters were removed from the files and grouped in the final box.

Notes:

Related material:

Exhibition invitations, schedules, press releases, newspaper clippings can also be found in the Grant applications series.

File list:

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Exhibitions	[ca. 1979]	[ca. 1986]	File contains exhibition materials from the gallery at its Niagara Street location without indication of the year	1-1
Exhibitions	1981	1981		1-2
Exhibitions	1982	1982		1-3
Exhibitions	1983	1983		1-4

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Exhibitions	1984	1984		1-5
Exhibitions	1985	1985		1-6
Exhibitions	1986	1986		1-7
Exhibitions	1987	1987		1-8
Exhibitions	1988	1988		1-9
Exhibitions	1989	1989		1-10
Exhibitions	1990	1990		1-11
Exhibitions	1991	1991		1-12
Exhibitions	1992	1992		1-13
Exhibitions	1993	1993		1-14
Exhibitions	1994	1994		1-15
Exhibitions	1995	1995		1-16
Exhibitions	1996	1996		1-17
Exhibitions	1997	1997		1-18
Exhibitions	1998	1998		1-19
Exhibitions	1999	1999		1-20
Exhibitions	2000	2000		1-21
Exhibitions	1986	1988	File consists of two oversized posters announcing exhibitions	15-1

SERIES 2: BOARD OF DIRECTOR FILES

Dates of creation:

[198-] - [ca. 1994]

Extent:

10 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of material related to the Board of Directors and the committees reporting to them and includes correspondence, the director's notebooks, materials related to the Exhibition selection and Fundraising committees and meeting minutes.

Notes:*Related material:*

Budgets and financial statements can also be found in the Financial records series.

File list:

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Correspondence	1983	[ca. 1991]	File consists of copies of letters sent and letters received by Board members and mailing lists for art lobbying and funding	2-1
Director's notebooks	[ca. 1986]	[ca. 1994]	File consists of three notebooks including task lists for the director, staff and board; planning; meeting notes and rough drafts of correspondence	2-2
Exhibition selection committee	[198-]	1984	File consists of notices inviting artists to submit work for exhibitions	2-3
Fundraising committee	1985	1989	File consists of materials related to the gallery's anniversary benefits and includes announcements and a list of raffle winners	2-4
Minutes	1987	1987	File consists of Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting minutes, agendas, budgets, member and committee member lists	2-5
Minutes	1988	1988	File consists of Board of Director and Annual General Meeting minutes, agendas, budgets, plans for action, member and committee member lists	2-6
Minutes	1989	1989	File consists of Board of Director and Annual General Meeting minutes, agendas, budgets and financial statements, plans for action, copies of correspondence, member and committee member lists	2-7
Minutes	1990	1990	File consists of Board of Director and committee meeting minutes, agendas, copies of correspondence and a program planning report	2-8

SERIES 3: FINANCIAL RECORDS

Dates of creation:
[ca. 1988] - [ca. 1991]

Extent:
2 cm of textual records

Scope and content:
Series consists of budget summaries, accounts receivable and accounts payable summary reports and financial statements.

Notes:
Related material:
Budgets and financial statements can also be found in the meeting minutes files of the Board of Directors files series.

File list:

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Financial reports	[ca. 1988]	[ca. 1991]	File consists of budgets, financial statements and accounts receivable and payable reports	2-9

SERIES 4: GRANT APPLICATIONS

Dates of creation:
1981 - 1995

Extent:
1.32 m of textual records
7 photographs
38 slides

Scope and content:
Series comprises material related to the applications for grants from the Canada Council, Employment and Immigration Canada, Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, Ontario Arts Council and Toronto Arts Council. Included are correspondence, drafts and completed applications, reports and invoices for reports submitted as well as supporting materials including press releases, exhibition invitations, exhibition schedules, photographs, slides and copies of newspaper clippings. Individual files contain some or all of these; the presence of slides and photographs is noted. Arrangement follows the original order. Some files were the contents of binders as noted. The contents of the binders were left in their existing order and the other files were arranged roughly in chronological order. In some cases, the support materials for applications to various organizations were organized in one binder per fiscal year. These materials were left intact as files with any correspondence or forms related to specific applications removed to the appropriate files.

Notes:
Related material:

Exhibition invitations can also be found in the Exhibitions publicity series.

File list:

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Canada Council – Communication s Fund	1985	1989		3–1
Canada Council – Exhibition assistance (1 of 2)	1984	1985		3–2
Canada Council – Exhibition assistance (2 of 2)	1985	1989	File includes 4 photographs	3–3
Canada Council – Explorations	1985	1989		3–4
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1986-87	1985	1987		3–5
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1987-88	1987	1988		3–6
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1988-89	1989	1989		3–7
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1989-90 (1 of 2)	1989	1989	File consists of the contents of a file folder containing rough copies	3–8
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1989-90 (2 of 2)	1988	1989	File consists of the contents of a binder	4–1
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1990-91	1989	1990		4–2
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1991-92	1989	1991	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	4–3

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1992-93	1991	1992	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	4–4
Canada Council – Operations grant – 1993-94	1989	1994	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers. A blue folder within the binder contains the report for 1993-94 and an application for 1994-95	5–1
Canada Council – Professional development	1990	1990		5–2
Canada Council – Support materials – 1987-88	1986	1987		5–3
Canada Council – Support materials – 1988-89	1987	1987		5–4
Employment and Immigration Canada – Job creation	1988	1990	File consists of material related to the application for funding for an employee	5–5
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1983-84	1984	1984		6–1
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1985-86	1984	1985		6–2
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1986-87	1985	1986		6–3
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1987-88	1987	1987		6–4

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1988-89	1987	1988		6-5
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1989-90	1988	1989		6-6
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1990-91	1989	1990		6-7
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1991-92	1991	1991		6-8
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1992-93	1992	1992		6-9
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1993-94	1993	1993		6-10
Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs – Operations grant – 1994-95	1994	1994		6-11
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant - 1982	1981	1982	File consists of material related to the application for funding for a lighting system	6-12

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Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant - 1985	1985	1986	File consists of material related to the application for a computer grant	6–13
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant – 1985-86	1984	1986	File consists of material related to the application for funding for skills training	6–14
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant - 1986	1986	1987	File consists of material related to the application for funding for skills training	6–15
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant – 1986-87	1986	1988	File consists of material related to the application for an equipment grant	6–16
Ministry of Citizenship and Culture – Wintario grant - 1988	1987	1988	File consists of material related to the application for funding for skills training	6–17
Ontario Arts Council – Professional development	1987	1988		7–1
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1981-82	1981	1982		7–2
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1983	1981	1983		7–3
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1984	1983	1985		7–4

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1985	1985	1986		7-5
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1986	1985	1986		7-6
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1987	1987	1987		7-7
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1987-88	1986	1987	File consists of the contents of a binder and includes 3 photographs	7-8
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1988	1988	1988		7-9
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1989	1989	1989		7-10
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1990 (1 of 2)	1990	1991	File consists of the contents of a binder	8-1
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1990 (2 of 2)	1990	1991	File consists of the contents of a file folder	8-2
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1991	1990	1991	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	8-3
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1992	1991	1992	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	8-4

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1993-94 (1 of 2)	1992	1993	File consists of the contents of a binder with sticky notes acting as dividers. File includes material related to the first half of the fiscal year	8–5
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1993-94 (2 of 2)	1992	1993	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers. File includes material related to the second half of the fiscal year	8–6
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1994-95 (1 of 2)	1993	1994	File consists of the contents of a binder and includes material related to the application of May 1994	9–1
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1994-95 (2 of 2)	1993	1994	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers and includes material related to the application of July 1994	9–2
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1995-96 (1 of 2)	1994	1995	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers and includes material related to the application of May 1995	9–3
Ontario Arts Council – Operations grant – 1995-96 (2 of 2)	1995	1995	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers and includes material related to the application of July 1995	9–4
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant	1987	1988		9–5
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant	1989	1990		9–6
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant	1991	1992	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	9–7
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant	1992	1993	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	9–8

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant – Education – 1989	1989	1989		10–1
Ontario Arts Council – Project grant – Education – 1990	1990	1990		10–2
Ontario Arts Council – Sounding	1982	1987	File consists of materials related to a Sounding or meeting of organizations and artists with the Ontario Arts Council and includes correspondence, reports, a list of participants and a discussion paper	10–3
Ontario Arts Council – Support materials - 1988-89	1987	1987		10–4
Toronto Arts Council – Project grant	1985	1986		11–1
Toronto Arts Council – Project grant	1987	1987		11–2
Toronto Arts Council – Project grant	1991	1991		11–3
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1988-89 (1 of 2)	1987	1988	File consists of the contents of a binder and includes 38 slides	11–4
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1988-89 (2 of 2)	1988	1988	File consists of the contents of a file folder containing material related to the application for the grant	11–5

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1989-90	1989	1989		11-6
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1990-91	1990	1990		11-7
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1991-92	1990	1991		11-8
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1992-93	1992	1992		11-9
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1993-94	1993	1993		11-10
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1994-95	1994	1994		11-11
Toronto Arts Council – Operations grant – 1995-96	1994	1995	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers	11-12
Support materials – 1986-87	1985	1986	File consists of the contents of a binder of material used in support of applications to the Canada Council and Ontario Arts Council for the 1986-1987 fiscal year	12-1
Support materials – 1987-88	1986	1987	File consists of the contents of a binder of material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1987-1988 fiscal year	12-2

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Support materials – 1988-89	1987	1998	File consists of the contents of a binder of material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1988-1989 fiscal year	12–3
Support materials – 1989-90	1987	1989	File consists of the contents of a binder of material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1989-1990 fiscal year	12–4
Support materials – 1990-91 (1 of 2)	1989	1990	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of an application to the Toronto Arts Council for the 1990-1991 fiscal year	12–5
Support materials – 1990-91 (2 of 2)	1989	1990	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1990-1991 fiscal year	12–6
Support materials – 1991-92	1990	1991	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1991-1992 fiscal year	13–1
Support materials – 1992-93	1991	1992	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1992-1993 fiscal year	13–2
Support materials – 1993-94	1991	1993	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1993-1994 fiscal year	13–3

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Support materials – 1994-95	1993	1994	File consists of the contents of a binder with dividers including material used in support of applications to the Metropolitan Toronto – Cultural Affairs and Toronto Arts Council for the 1994-1995 fiscal year	13–4

SERIES 5: ADMINISTRATION FILES

Dates of creation:

[198-] – [199-]

Extent:

12 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of material related to the running of the gallery and includes artist contracts, educational programming and events materials, a floor plan, gallery membership information, copies of the gallery members' newsletter and general gallery policies.

File list:

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Artist contracts	[198-]	[199-]	File consists of one blank and one completed agreement between the gallery and artists in regards to exhibitions	14–1
Educational programming	[ca. 1982]	[ca. 1994]	File consists of material related to workshops and school programming and includes workshop schedules and notices, application forms, fee information, brochures, posters, workshop descriptions, instructor profiles and resource centre information	14–2
Events	[198-]	[199-]	File consists of promotional materials for events hosted at or sponsored by the gallery	14–3
Facilities	[ca. 1986]	[ca. 1994]	File consists of an announcement of the gallery's move to Bathurst Street and a floor plan of that space	14–4

FILE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX-FOLDER #
Member information	[198-]	[199-]	File consists of material related to membership and includes statements of responsibilities, announcements, correspondence, members list and memos	14-5
Member newsletter	1988	1990	File consists of copies of a quarterly newsletter for gallery members	14-6
Policies	[198-]	[199-]	File consists of statements of policy related to personnel, housekeeping, security and darkroom use	14-7