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Alvin Lustig papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Alvin Lustig papers
Date:	1935-1955
Identifier:	AAA.lustalvi
Creator:	Lustig, Alvin, 1915-1955
Extent:	4.8 Linear feet ((1,200 items partially microfilmed on 3 reels)) 1 Item (1 rolled doc.)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The donor, Elaine Lustig Cohen, is Lustig's widow.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 323-324 & 421 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Microfilmed portion: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Restrictions

Unmicrofilmed portion: use requires an appointment.

Biographical / Historical

Graphic, architectural, and book designer, New York. Studied briefly with Frank Lloyd Wright, but was primarily self taught.

Scope and Contents

Biographical material; correspondence; writings; graphic designs; sketches; clippings; and photographs.

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Reel 323: biographical material, including a biographical sketch by Jules Langsner; correspondence, personal and professional, 1949-55; receipts for works sold; notes and articles on design by Lustig; original design layouts of trademarks, magazine covers, particularly LOOK magazine, book jackets, record covers, girl scout pamphlets, advertisements, and stationery.

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Reel 324: sketchbook of Lustig's designs; architectural drawings; magazine and newspaper clippings; and miscellaneous materials.

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Reel 421: photographs of Lustig including two taken by Maya Deren, 1944 (one copyprint microfilmed on reel 1817, fr. 786), of his fabric designs, graphic designs, furniture designs (including some marginal notes), sculpture, helicopter designs, and packaging designs; pictures of the Beverly Landau building and the Beverly Carlton Hotel in Los Angeles; office interiors designed by Lustig; and photographs of Rath House, 1948.

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Unmicrofilmed material: books whose jackets Lustig designed.

Bibliography

Photo of Lustig: Archives of American Art Journal, v. 12, no. 3, 1972, p.19.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Architectural design
Graphic arts -- New York (State) -- New York

Names:

Langsner, Jules, 1911-1967

Occupations:

Designers
Graphic artists