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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Museum of Contemporary Art records
Date:	1979-1986
Identifier:	AAA.musecala
Creator:	Museum of Contemporary Art (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Extent:	2 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2000 by De Wain Valentine and the Artists Advisory Committee at MOCA, via Joyce Dever, a former MOCA administrator.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Art museum; Los Angeles, Calif. MOCA was opened in 1983 following planning by an Artists Advisory Committee and others who wished to establish an alternative, contemporary art museum. Planning sessions were held in late 1979 through 1982 in various artist committee members' studios or homes. De Wain Valentine was a key figure in the Museum's early development.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence; photos of committee members, and minutes and position papers of the Artists Advisory Committee during the development that led to Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in Los Angeles. The minutes were taken by Joyce Dever and her handwritten notes are included. Also included are newspaper and magazine articles about the development of the museum.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- California -- Los Angeles

Names:

Dever, Joyce
Valentine, DeWain, 1936-

Occupations:

Artists -- California -- Los Angeles

Functions:

Art museums -- California -- Los Angeles