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Gallery Watatu Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art
Title:	Gallery Watatu Collection
Identifier:	EEPA.2013-003
Date:	circa 1990s
Extent:	13 items (cards)
Creator:	Robert Therrien
Language:	English
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Robert Therrien in 20143.

Preferred Citation

Gallery Watatu Collection, EEPA 2013-003, Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

Use of original records requires an appointment. Contact Archives staff for more details.

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Biographical / Historical

Founded in 1969 by painters Robin Anderson and Yony Waite and graphic designer David Hart, Gallery Watatu was one of Nairobi's longest-established galleries. Located in the Central Business District (CBD), the Gallery was the first in the area to feature both international and local artists. Sold in 1985 to Californian gallery owner Ruth Schaffner and her husband, artifacts dealer Adama Diawara, the new owners focused on cultivating contemporary Kenyan art. The Gallery closed in 2011.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 13 printed cards produced by Gallery Watatu in Nairobi, Kenya. These include exhibition announcements, an exhibition booklet, a holiday card, and cards featuring artwork from the Gallery.

Arrangement

Arranged in original order.

General

Title provided by EEPA staff.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Cultures:

- Art
- Gallery Watatu

Types of Materials:

- Cards
- Exhibition catalogs

Geographic Names:

- Africa
- Kenya
- Nairobi (Kenya)