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## Guide to the NETV Omaha Macy Pow-wow videos, 1988

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Human Studies Film Archives
<b>Title:</b>	NETV Omaha Macy Pow-wow videos
<b>Date:</b>	1988
<b>Identifier:</b>	HSFA.1989.06
<b>Creator:</b>	Nebraska Educational Television Network
<b>Extent:</b>	Video recordings
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Received from Nebraska Educational Television Network in 1989.

### Preferred Citation

NETV Omaha Macy Pow-wow videos, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Scope and Contents

Video documentation of the 1988 Omaha Macy Pow-wow shot by Nebraska Educational Television Network in cooperation with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska in order to produce the 1/2 hour program *DANCING TO GIVE THANKS*.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or Anthropology Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Omaha  
Powwows

Cultures:

Omaha

Types of Materials:

Video recordings

Places:

Nebraska  
North America

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## Container Listing

Omaha Macy Pow-wow, 1988

28 Video recordings (15 hours)

Notes: Full video record of the 1988 Omaha Macy Pow-wow shot by the Nebraska Educational Television Network in cooperation with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. Footage explores the meaning of Pow-wowing to the contemporary Omaha. The edited television program, *DANCING TO GIVE THANKS*, was produced from this project.

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Dancing to Give Thanks, 1988

1 Video recording (29 minutes)

Notes: Television broadcast produced for Nebraska Educational Television documents an Omaha Pow-Wow on the Omaha Reservation in northeastern Nebraska. This Pow-Wow is a four day celebration called the Festival of Joy. The film contains interviews with several Omaha participants and an anthropologist. The narration includes meaning of the celebration; symbolism of dance ground, dances, dress, dance objects, and songs; history of the Omaha tribe; the role of the Helluska Society, guardians of tribal custom and lore; passing of traditions to younger generations; and fancy dance. Images include setting up the dance grounds, preparations, traditional men's and women's dance, fancy dance, drummers, dress, setting up teepee according to Omaha traditions, and a giveaway.

Farrell, Michael, producer/director.

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