



Smithsonian  
*National Museum of Natural History*

## Photographs of Harry Fonseca artwork, circa 1989

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Photographs of Harry Fonseca artwork
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.89-25
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1989
<b>Extent:</b>	15 Copy negatives 429 Copy color slides
<b>Creator:</b>	Fonseca, Harry , 1946-2006
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Original lecture slides loaned for copying by Harry Fonseca, 1989.

### Location of Originals

Originals retained by Harry Fonseca.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

The National Museum of the American Indian holds two paintings by Fonseca.

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 89-25, Photographs of Harry Fonseca artwork, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

This copy collection has been obtained for reference purposes only. Contact the repository for terms of use and access.

## Biographical Note

Harry Fonseca is a Nisenan Maidu artist who was influenced by basketry designs, his experience as a Maidu dancer, and creation stories and myths. In 1979, he started his Coyote series, which depicts Coyote the trickster in non-traditional settings. Fonseca lectured on his work at the Smithsonian on February 9, 1989 as part of an exhibition of his art in the National Museum of Natural History.

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## Scope and Contents

Images of art pieces by Harry Fonseca, many of which depict his representation of the mythical figure Coyote. Included are copies of the 115 color slides Fonseca used in his lecture at the Smithsonian in 1989. There are also images of his "Stone Poems" series, each Smithsonian-exhibited piece, and views of the exhibit as a whole.

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NAA Photo Lot 89-25

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## Reproduction Note

Copy slides and negatives made by Smithsonian Institution, 1989.

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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:

- Exhibitions
- Indians of North America -- California
- Nisenan Indians
- Works of art

Cultures:

- Indians of North America -- California
- Nisenan Indians

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

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