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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of videotapes created during the production of "Smithsonian World," an educational television series that explored people, ideas, and events that shape world culture, blending art, science, history, and the humanities to create an exciting harmony among disciplines. The production was narrated by historian David G. McCullough and co-produced by WETA-TV for broadcast on the Public Broadcasting Service.

Materials include camera footage, film transfers, dubs, PAL dubs, credits, final productions, and promotions. There are a wide variety of videotape formats including 3/4” U-matic, VHS, Betacam SP, and Betacam. Also included in this accession is an interview with Arthur M. Sackler done by Smithsonian World staff on 3/4” U-matic videotape. Reference copies for some episodes are available.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Art -- Study and teaching
- Documentary videos
- History -- Study and teaching
- Humanities -- Study and teaching
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Science -- Study and teaching
- Television -- Production and direction
- Television in education
- Video recordings -- Production and direction

Types of Materials:
- Videotapes

Names:
- McCullough, David G.
- Public Broadcasting Service (U.S.)
- Sackler, Arthur M.
- WETA-TV (Television station : Washington, D.C.)

Preferred Titles:
- A Certain Age (Television program : 1991)
- A Moveable Feast (Television program : 1990)
- A Usable Past (Television program : 1984)
- American Dream at Groton (Television program : 1988)
- American Pie (Television program : 1986)
- Crossing the Distance (Television program : 1984)
- Designs for Living (Television program : 1984)
- Desk in the Jungle (Television program : 1985)
- Doors of Perception (Television program : 1991)
- Filling in the Blanks (Television program : 1984)
- From Information to Wisdom (Television program : 1991)
- Gender: The Enduring Paradox (Television program : 1991)
- Heroes and the Test of Time (Television program : 1985)
- Islam (Television program : 1987)
- Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits (Television program : 1990)
- On the Shoulders of Giants (Television program : 1986)
- Selling the Dream (Television program : 1991)
- Smithsonian world
- Speaking Without Words (Television program : 1984)
- Tales of Human Dawn (Television program : 1990)
The Elephant on the Hill (Television program : 1991)
The Last Flower (Television program : 1984)
The Living Smithsonian (Television program : 1988)
The Promise of the Land (Television program : 1987)
The Quantum Universe (Television program : 1990)
The Vever Affair (Television program : 1989)
The Way We Wear (Television program : 1988)
The Wyeths: A Father and His Family (Television program : 1986)
Time and Light (Television program : 1984)
Voices of Latin America (Television program : 1987)
Web of Life (Television program : 1989)
Where None Has Gone Before (Television program : 1985)
Zoo (Television program : 1990)
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