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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
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## Administrative Information

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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.

The series consisted of 6 seasons, each with 5-7 episodes. Each episode ran approximately 1 hour. Season 1 (1984-1985) episodes include "Time and Light;" "Crossing the Distance;" "Speaking Without Words;" "Designs for Living;" "Filling in the Blanks;" "The Last Flower;" and "Desk in the Jungle." Season 2 (1985-1986) episodes include "Heroes and the Test of Time;" "A Usable Past;" "Where None Has Gone Before;" "On the Shoulders of Giants;" and "American Pie." Season 3 (1986-1987) episodes include "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family;" "Voices of Latin America;" "The Elephant on the Hill;" "The Promise of the Land;" and "Islam." Season 4 (1988-1989) episodes include "The Living Smithsonian;" "American Dream at Groton;" "The Way We Wear;" "Web of Life;" and "The Vever Affair." Season 5 (1990) episodes include "Zoo;" "A Moveable Feast;" "Tales of the Human Dawn;" "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits;" and "The Quantum Universe." Season 6 (1991) episodes include "Gender: The Enduring Paradox;" "Selling the Dream;" "From Information to Wisdom;" "A Certain Age;" and "Doors of Perception."

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.

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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:

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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## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 10 "Time and Light," Show #101, Dub from 1", 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Time and Light," Show #101, Final Production, 12/1985, 58:02, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Crossing the Distance," Show #102, WETA, 1/17/1984, 1/17/1984, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Crossing the Distance," Show #102, Final Production, 57:43, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Speaking Without Words," Show #103, Final Production, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Speaking Without Words," Show #103, Final Production, 57:56, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Design for Living," Show #104, Final Production, 58:03, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Filling in the Blanks," Show #105, Final Production, 58:07, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 1 of 10 "The Last Flower," Show #106, Final Production, 57:42, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "The Last Flower," Show #106, Final Production, 12/1985, 57:42, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "A Desk in the Jungle," Show #107, Dub, 6/29/1984, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "A Desk in the Jungle," Show #107, Final Production, 58:03, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 1 of 10 "Time and Light," Show #101, Film Transfer, 60:00, Beta I
- Box 1 of 10 "Crossing the Distance," Show #102, Film Transfer, 60:00, Beta I
- Box 1 of 10 "Speaking Without Words," Show #103, Film Transfer, 60:00, Beta I
- Box 1 of 10 "Designs for Living," Show #104, Film Transfer, 58:00, Beta I
- Box 1 of 10 "Filling in the Blanks," Show #105, Final Production, 12/1985, 58:07, Beta II
- Box 1 of 10 "The Last Flower," Show #106, Film Transfer, 60:00, Beta I

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 10 "A Desk in the Jungle," Show #107, Film Transfer, 60:00, Beta I
- Box 2 of 10 "Time and Light," Show #101, Final Production, 58:02, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "Crossing the Distance," Show #102, Final Production, 58:05, VHS

- Box 2 of 10 "Speaking Without Words," Show #103, Final Production, 57:56, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "Design for Living," Show #104, Final Production, 58:03, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "Filling in the Blanks," Show #105, Final Production, 58:07, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "Filling in the Blanks," Show #105, Film Transfer, 7/7/1987, Beta I (in VHS case)
- Box 2 of 10 "The Last Flower," Show #106, Final Production, 12/1986, 57:42, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "A Desk in the Jungle," Show #107, Final Production, 12/1986, 57:42, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "A Desk in the Jungle," Show #107, Final Production, 57:48, VHS
- Box 2 of 10 "Heroes and the Test of Time," Show #201, 57:48, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 2 of 10 "A Usable Past," Show #202, :30 and :60 Promos, 4/29/1985, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 2 of 10 "A Usable Past," Show #202, Dub, 2/14/1985, 57:48, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 2 of 10 "A Usable Past," Show #202, Dub, 60:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 2 of 10 "A Usable Past," Show #202, Final Production, 57:48, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 2 of 10 "Where None Has Gone Before," Show #203, 9/3/1985, 57:46, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 2 of 10 "On the Shoulders of Giants," Show #204, Final Production, 12/1985, 57:36, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3
- Box 3 of 10 "American Pie," Show #205, Final Production, 57:48, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "American Pie," Show #205, Final Production, 10/25/1985, 57:48, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "Heroes and the Test of Time," Show #201, Final Production, 57:48, VHS
- Box 3 of 10 "Heroes and the Test of Time," Show #201, Final Production, 12/1986, 57:48, VHS
- Box 3 of 10 "A Usable Past," Show #202, Final Production, 12/1986, 57:48, VHS
- Box 3 of 10 "Where None Have Gone Before," Show #203, Final Production, 57:48, VHS
- Box 3 of 10 "On the Shoulders of Giants," Show #204, Final Production, 57:36, VHS
- Box 3 of 10 "American Pie," Show #205, Final Production, 2/1986, 57:48, VHS

- Box 3 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, Final Production, 10/27/1986, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 3 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, Final Production, 4/25/1989, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, :30 and :60 Promos, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "Voices of Latin America," Show #302, Final Production, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "Voices of Latin America," Show #302, Final Production, 4/25/1989, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "Elephant on the Hill," Show #303, :30 and :60 Promos, 5/13/1987, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 10 "Elephant on the Hill," Show #303, Final Production, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 4
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, :30 and :60 Promos, 6/10/1987, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, Final Production, 4/25/1989, 57:57, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, Final Production, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, Final Production, 6/10/1987, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "Islam," Show #305, :30 and :60 Promos, 7/22/1987, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "Islam," Show #305, Final Production, 57:44, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "Islam," Show #305, Final Production, 7/22/1987, 57:44, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "Voices of Latin America," Show #302, :30 and :60 Promos, 1" Dub, 3/9/1987, Beta S
- Box 4 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, PAL Dub, 8/15/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 4 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 4 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 4 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, Final Production, 4/25/1989, 58:00, VHS



- Box 4 of 10 "The Wyeths: A Father and His Family," Show #301, Final Production, 11/1986, 58:00, VHS
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, Final Production, 58:00, VHS
- Box 4 of 10 "The Promise of the Land," Show #304, Final Production, 58:00, VHS SP
- Box 4 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 9/26/1988, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 4 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, Without January 18 Audio Fix, 9/21/1988, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic

Box 5

- Box 5 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, Final Production, 10/24/1988, 57:47, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, Final Production, 57:47, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "American Dream at Groton," Show #402, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 10/13/1988, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "American Dream at Groton," Show #402, Film Transfer, 9/23/1988, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "American Dream at Groton," Show #402, Final Production, 9/28/1988, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 5 of 10 "American Dream at Groton," Show #402, Final Production, 4/21/1988, 57:54, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 5 of 10 "The Way We Wear," Show #403, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 11/22/1988, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "The Way We Wear," Show #403, Final Production, 57:46, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 5 of 10 "Web of Life," Show #404, Final Production, 1/25/1989, 57:50, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 5 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 1/30/1989, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, Final Production, 1/30/1989, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 5 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, Final Production, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic

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- Box 6 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, PAL Dub, 7/20/1995, 57:35, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, 57:35, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, 3/26/1997, 57:34, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Web of Life," Show #404, PAL Dub, 7/20/1995, 58:06, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Web of Life," Show #404, 57:53, 3/26/1997, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, PAL Dub, 7/20/1995, 58:06, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, 3/26/1997, 58:07, Betacam SP
- Box 6 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, 57:47, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "The Living Smithsonian," Show #401, 11/21/1988, 57:47, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "American Dream at Groton," Show #402, Final Production, 58:00, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "The Way We Wear," Show #403, Final Production, 57:46, VHS (2 videotapes)
- Box 6 of 10 "The Way We Wear," Show #403, Split Audio, 12/26/1988, 57:46, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "Web of Life," Show #404, Final Production, 58:00, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "Web of Life," Show #404, Final Production, 57:50, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "The Vever Affair," Show #405, Final Production, 58:00, VHS
- Box 6 of 10 "Zoo," Show #501, :20,:30, and :60 Promos, 12/22/1989, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 6 of 10 "Zoo," Show #501, Final Production, 1/24/1989, 57:34, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 6 of 10 "A Moveable Feast," Show #502, Film Transfer, 12/18/1989, 56:19, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 7
- Box 7 of 10 "A Moveable Feast," Show #502, Final Production, 2/21/1990, 57:30, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 7 of 10 "Tales of the Human Dawn," Show #503, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 2/26/1990, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 7 of 10 "Tales of the Human Dawn," Show #503, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 2/27/1990, 3/4" U-matic

- Box 7 of 10 "Tales of the Human Dawn," Show #503, Final Production, 3/28/1990, 57:57, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 7 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 3/26/1990, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 7 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, Final Production, 3/15/1990, 56:22, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 7 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, Final Production, 5/2/1990, 57:54, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 7 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 5/4/1990, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 7 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, Final Production, 6/6/1990, 59:46, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 7 of 10 "Zoo," Show #501, PAL Dub, 7/20/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 7 of 10 "Zoo," Show #501, 3/26/1997, Master, 57:38, Betacam SP

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- Box 8 of 10 "Tales of the Human Dawn," Show #503, NTSC Dub, Master, 8/14/1995, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, 3/26/1997, 57:59, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, Duplication Master, 5/30/2003, 57:59, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, PAL Dub, 7/20/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, NTSC Dub, 8/14/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, PAL Dub, 8/15/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 8 of 10 "Zoo," Show #501, Final Production, 1/24/1990, 57:34, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "A Moveable Feast," Show #502, Final Production, 2/21/1990, 57:30, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "A Moveable Feast," Show #502, Final Production, 57:30, VHS

- Box 8 of 10 "Tales of Human Dawn," Show #503, Final Production, 57:57, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, Dub, 5/30/2003, 57:59, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "Nigerian Art - Kindred Spirits," Show #504, Final Production, 5/2/1990, 57:54, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "The Quantum Universe," Show #505, Final Production, VHS
- Box 8 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 12/21/1990, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)

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- Box 9 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, Final Production, 1/23/1991, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 9 of 10 "Selling the Dream," Show #602, Film Transfer, 12/21/1990, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic (Archives Center also has film of this show)
- Box 9 of 10 "Selling the Dream," Show #602, Final Production, 2/13/1991, 57:52, 3/4" U-matic (Archives Center also has film of this show)
- Box 9 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, Film Transfer, 2/26/1991, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 9 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, Film Transfer, 4/17/1991, 57:46, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 9 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, Final Production, 5/8/1991, 57:54, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 9 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 5/7/1991, 3/4" U-matic (2 videotapes)
- Box 9 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, Final Production, 6/5/1991, 58:00, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 9 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, NTSC Dub, 8/14/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 9 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, NTSC Dub, 8/14/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 9 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, NTSC Dub, 4/2/1998, 57:46, Betacam SP
- Box 9 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 9 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, PAL Dub, 8/15/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 9 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, NTSC Dub, 4/2/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP

Box 10

- Box 10 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, NTSC Dub, 8/14/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, PAL Dub, 2/3/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, PAL Dub, 8/15/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, NTSC Dub, 4/2/1998, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, NTSC Dub, 8/14/1995, 58:00, Betacam SP
- Box 10 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 12/21/1990, VHS (2 videotapes)
- Box 10 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, 11/29/1990, 57:54, Betacam
- Box 10 of 10 "Gender: The Enduring Paradox," Show #601, 1/23/1991, 58:00, VHS
- Box 10 of 10 "Selling the Dream," Show #602, 2/13/1991, 57:52, VHS (Archives Center also has film of this show)
- Box 10 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, Final Production, 4/17/1991, 57:46, VHS
- Box 10 of 10 "From Information to Wisdom," Show #603, Film Transfer, 2/26/1991, 58:00, VHS
- Box 10 of 10 "A Certain Age," Show #604, Final Production, 5/8/1991, 57:54, VHS (2 videotapes)
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 5/7/1991, VHS (2 folders)
- Box 10 of 10 "Doors of Perception," Show #605, Final Production, 6/5/1991, 58:00, VHS
- Box 10 of 10 "Smithsonian World," Promos, VHS
- Box 10 of 10 "Smithsonian World," Southwestern Bell Underwriter Credit, :15, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 10 of 10 "Smithsonian World," Generic :20, :30, and :60 Promos, 9/26/1988, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 10 of 10 "Arthur M. Sackler, MD, Benefactor," Interview Courtesy of Smithsonian World, 8:28, 3/4" U-matic