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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Smithsonian Productions
Title: Productions
Dates: 1989-2001
Quantity: 2 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes)

Administrative Information

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Access Restriction
Special restrictions on use of these materials may apply. Viewing copies are not currently available, but can be made for a fee, Transferring office; 4/10/2002 memorandum, Peters to SIA; Contact reference staff for details.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of videotapes and audio elements documenting Smithsonian orientation productions for the Visitor Information and Associates' Reception Center (VIARC) created by Smithsonian Productions and its predecessor, the Office of Telecommunications. The first production, titled "The Smithsonian Institution," was completed in 1984 and was updated in 1989. The production was redone in the early 1990s and released as "Guide to the Smithsonian" in 1994 with Ira Michael Heyman, Secretary, narrating. A 2001 version replaced Heyman with Lawrence M. Small, Secretary, as narrator. Materials consist of 1" magnetic audio tapes, Betacam tapes, VHS, D-2, Digital8, digital audio tape, and 3/4" U-matic. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Guide to the Smithsonian (Documentary film)
Information services -- User education
Interactive video
Smithsonian Institution (Documentary film)
Types of Materials:
Audiotapes
Floppy disks
Sound recordings
Video recordings
Videotapes

Names:
Heyman, Ira Michael, 1930-
Small, Lawrence M.
Smithsonian Institution. Office of Telecommunications
Smithsonian Institution. Visitor Information and Associates' Reception Center.
Container Listing

Box 1


Visitor Orientation Film. 11/20/2001. Edited master, not color corrected. Digital betacam. 21 minutes, 19 seconds.

VIARC - EDL. 11/20/2001. (includes electronic records)


Visitor Orientation Film. 11/20/2001. Open captioned. VHS. 21 minutes, 19 seconds.


VIARC - Visitor Film. 9/20/2001. Rough cut. VHS.


VIARC Update - Tape #1: Discovery Theatre, When the Spirit Moves, American Presidency. VHS.

VIARC - Tape #3: Natural History, Freer. VHS.

Guide to the Smithsonian - 30 second and 20 second promotions. Dub, avid digital cut, funding POD. Betacam SP.

Guide to the Smithsonian. Time code window dub. VHS. 20 minutes, 16 seconds.


Guide to the Smithsonian - Updated version with new voice over. 7/19/2000. Master. Digital betacam. 21 minutes, 22 seconds.

Guide to the Smithsonian - Secretary's version. 9/19/1994. Edited maser. 1" magnetic tape. 4 minutes, 10 seconds.


Box 2


Box 3


VIARC Theatre. 5/18/1993. Protection master, stereo mix on 1 and 2. D-2. 20 minutes, 43 seconds.

Revised VIARC Theatre Program. 7/12/1993. Master, open captioned. D-2. 21 minutes, 18 seconds.


Box 4


Box 5

VIARC Interactive Demo. VHS.

VIARC Theatre. 5/22/1989. Protection master, audio: split tracks. 1" magnetic tape. 20 minutes.

VIARC Theatre. 8/24/1989. Dub master, audio: mixed. 1" magnetic tape. 20 minutes.

VIARC Theatre. 8/21/1989. Disk master, audio: stereo. 1" magnetic tape. 20 minutes, 43 seconds.


VIARC Orientation Interactive Videodisc. 3/9/1989. Protection master, audio: chapter 1 - full mix, chapter 2 - music only. 1" magnetic tape. 29 minutes, 36 seconds.

VIARC Orientation Interactive Videodisc. 3/9/1989. Edited master, audio: chapter 1 - full mix except narration only at foreign versions, chapter 2 - music only. 1" magnetic tape. 29 minutes, 36 seconds.