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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of laserdiscs from the Smithsonian Laserdisc Collection. The Smithsonian Laserdisc Collection tells the stories behind the Smithsonian Institution's greatest art, history, and science collections, and introduces the curators of its unique possessions and hidden treasures. Titles from the Collection in this accession include "Dinosaurs: Fantastic Creatures That Ruled the Earth;" "Insects: The Little Things That Run the World;" "National Zoo: The Zoo Behind the Zoo;" "Gems and Minerals: The Ultimate Rock Video;" and "First Ladies: Symbols for a Nation." All titles are approximately 60 minutes long and were released on laserdisc in 1989. Some titles were later reformatted and released as part of the Smithsonian Video Collection.

"Dinosaurs: Fantastic Creatures That Ruled the Earth" is narrated by James Whitmore and compares the dinosaurs of the movies to the real story as told by scientists. The program features an excavation in progress and the National Museum of Natural History, Hall of Paleontology. "Insects: The Little Things That Run the World" is narrated by James Earl Jones and demonstrates the stunning ways insects have evolved and adapted to survive for eons while so many other animals have become extinct, and why scientists consider insects to be the most successful living organism on earth. The program features the National Museum of Natural History, Insect Zoo as well as the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and the National Zoological Park. "National Zoo: The Zoo Behind the Zoo" takes viewers on a magical tour of the Smithsonian Institution's living animal collection and focuses on scientific study and conservation.

The program features the National Zoological Park. "Gems and Minerals: The Ultimate Rock Video" takes viewers behind the scenes to the spectacular gem and mineral collection. The program features the National Museum of Natural History, Gem and Mineral Hall. "First Ladies: Symbols for a Nation" allows viewers to learn what it is really like to be a First Lady. The program features Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Lady Bird Johnson, and Julie Nixon Eisenhower as well as the National Museum of American History, Hall of First Ladies.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Dinosaurs
- Dinosaurs in motion pictures
- Documentary videos
- Entomologists
- Evolution
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Gems
- Geologists
- Insects
- Minerals
- Museum curators
- Museums -- Collection management
- Paleontologists
- Presidents' spouses -- United States
- Video recordings -- Production and direction
- Wildlife conservation
- Zoo animals
- Zoologists

Types of Materials:

- Videodiscs

Names:

- Carter, Rosalynn
- Eisenhower, Julie Nixon
- Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007
- Jones, James Earl
- National Museum of American History (U.S.) First Ladies Hall
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Gem and Mineral Hall
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Hall of Paleontology
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Insect Zoo
- National Zoological Park (U.S.)
- Reagan, Nancy, 1923-
- Smithsonian Institution
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- Whitmore, James

Preferred Titles:

Dinosaurs: Fantastic Creatures That Ruled the Earth (Video recording : 1989)

First Ladies: Symbols of a Nation (Video recording : 1989)

Gems and Minerals: The Ultimate Rock Video (Video recording : 1989)

Insects: The Little Things That Run the World (Video recording : 1989)

National Zoo: The Zoo Behind the Zoo (Video recording : 1989)

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Container Listing

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | "Dinosaurs: Fantastic Creatures That Ruled the Earth," 1989, 60 minutes, laserdisc |
| Box 1 of 1 | "Insects: Little Things That Run the World," 1989, 60 minutes, laserdisc |
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