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## Finding Aid - Fantasia Fair collection (SC636)

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# Fantasia Fair collection

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Fantasia Fair collection
<b>Reference code:</b>	SC636
<b>Date:</b>	1981, 1991-1998 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	27 videocassettes : analog, VHS; Betacam 7 p.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Part of the Transgender Archive.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Beginning in 1975, Fantasia Fair is a week-long trans\* conference held every October in Provincetown, Massachusetts. It provides a safe space for cross-dressers, transgender and gender questioning people to experiment with their gender identities and presentations, to interact with their communities, and to advocate for their rights. It is attended by a diverse audience of trans men and women, cross-dressers, and genderqueer people of every sexual orientation.

The conference began as an initiative of the nonprofit Outreach Institute for Gender Studies, and was founded by Ari Kane, Betty-Ann Lind, Betsy Shaw, Linda Franklin, and other members of the Cherrystone Club, a transgender support group in Boston. The founders began working with heterosexual cross-dressers to debut the event, but as it was envisioned as a place where transgender people could learn about themselves and feel less isolated by a discriminatory society. It was promoted through flyers, brochures to past participants, ads and articles in publications, by staff members in speaking engagements, and by word of mouth.

The second annual Fantasia Fair, in 1976, offered events such as fashion and beauty courses, a fashion show, awards banquet, film festival, feminization and a course for the wives and girlfriends of trans\* participants in order to foster healthy relationships and understanding between partners. Following years included workshops on “femme comportment”, femininity awards (since retired), potluck dinners, community building, and pronoun usage and gender change. In recent years, seminars, workshops and talks have addressed political struggles such as hate crimes by the federal government, gendered washrooms, self-defense, and medical aspects of transitioning.

In 2000, nonprofit Real Life Experiences was founded to serve as the parent nonprofit of Fantasia Fair, whose stewardship was transferred in 2001.

## Custodial history

Cassettes were donated in March 2021 by Ari Kane--founder of Fantasia Fair--via Dallas Denny, Fair Director of several years.

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## Scope and content

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The collection consists of 26 VHS cassettes and 1 Betacam cassette, documenting several years of the Fantasia Fair trans\* conference in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Video primarily documents the Fashion Shows and Follies, held at the end of the conference. Footage also includes seminars, luncheon speakers, Outreach Institute awards banquets, video titled "Our Gal Jane", and exhibit at Berta Walker Gallery by Helen Strong. Two cassettes include pages of time stamps and notes regarding performances.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
  - **Level of detail:** Full
  - **Status description:** Final
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## Access points

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- Kane, Ari, 1936- (subject)
  - Swin, Rikki, 1947- (subject)
  - Moving images (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
  - VHS (documentary form)
  - Transgender people (subject)
  - Fashion shows (subject)
  - Massachusetts--Provincetown (place)
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## Collection holdings

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**Accession: SC636-2019-015 - 2021-015**

Title: 2021-015

Reference code: SC636-2019-015

Date: 1981, 1991-1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Accession consists of material donated in March 2021.

Physical description: 27 videocassettes

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.1 - Fantasia Fair '81 - Medical Seminar**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair '81 - Medical Seminar

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.1

Date: 1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of a Medical Seminar held at Fantasia Fair in 1981.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 37 min., 37 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.2 - FF 94 - VHS-3 - 1 on 1 Cole - 1 on 1 Docter - SrCDr(??)**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: FF 94 - VHS-3 - 1 on 1 Cole - 1 on 1 Docter - SrCDr(??)

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.2

Date: 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of a one-on-one discussion with Ari Kane and Sandra Cole, a one-on-one discussion with Ari Kane and Rich Docter, and a lunch seminar panel exploring how the cross-dressing lifestyle fits into retirement years, with Barbara Craig, Jane Peabody, and Jezebel. The tape's label reads as follows:

FF 94 VHS-3

ARI 1 on 1 Sandra Cole 2-00-35-01\_\_2-21-31-15

ARI 1 on 1 Rich Docter 2-00-23-15\_\_3-31-02-11

Sr CDr CST(1) 1-00-17-06\_\_1-27-37-06

Sr CDr CST(2) 1-27-39-02\_\_1-57-38-06

Physical description: 1 videocassette (2 hr., 31 min., 2 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.3 - Fantasia Fair Fashion Show**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair Fashion Show

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.3

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. The tape's label indicates that it begins with a Follies Act by Savannah Rose.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 8 min., 7 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.4 - Fantasia Fair Follies 1995**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair Follies 1995

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.4

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Date: 1996 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Follies. Official VHS produced by Fantasia Fair.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 52 min., 12 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.5 - Berta Walker Gallery - Opening Night - Helen Strong Exhibit (sic) - 1994**

Creator: Berta Walker Gallery

Title: Berta Walker Gallery - Opening Night - Helen Strong Exhibit (sic) - 1994

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.5

Date: 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of Helen Strong's art exhibit at the Berta Walker Gallery in Provincetown, MA.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (48 min., 2 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.6 - FF 96 Code Burns - VHS-1 - Follies up to Crystal's Tina Turner**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: FF 96 Code Burns - VHS-1 - Follies up to Crystal's Tina Turner

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.6

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of part of the 1996 Fantasia Fair Follies, up to (exclusively) Crystal's Tina Turner act. The tape's label reads as follows:

FF96 – VHS 1

Time Code Burn-ins

Follies up to (but not incl) Crystal's Tina Turner

FFF Reels 1, 2, 3, & most of 4

Physical description: 1 videocassette : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.7 - Fan Fair - Fashion Show 95**



Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fan Fair - Fashion Show 95

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.7

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 8 min., 7 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.8 - Fan Fair Follies 95'**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fan Fair Follies 95'

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.8

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Follies.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 52 min., 12 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.9 - Fantasia Fair Follies 1996**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair Follies 1996

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.9

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

Date: 1997 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1996 Fantasia Fair Follies. Official VHS produced by Fantasia Fair.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 53 min., 15 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.12, 1.13, 1.14.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.10 - Fantasia Fair Fashion Show 1995**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair Fashion Show 1995

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.10

Date: 1995, c1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. Official VHS produced by Fantasia Fair.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 8 min, 7 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.11 - FF 94 - Time Code Burn-in - Fashion - one on one - VHS #2 - M Volk + Ari Kane**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: FF 94 - Time Code Burn-in - Fashion - one on one - VHS #2 - M Volk + Ari Kane

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.11

Date: 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of fashion shows and a one-on-one discussion with M. Volker and Ari Kane. The tape's label reads as follows:

FF 96 VHS-2

Fashion CST 1. 1-00-59- to 1-28-10-

[CST] 2. 1-28-32- to 1-59-35-05 (EOT)

[CST] 3. 1-59-41-23 (BOT) to 2-00-09-00 (2-03-43-)

Ari one on one -- 1-00-50- to 1-28-42-10

FFF [CST] 6 -- 2-49-28-16 (BOT) to 3-10-29-

Physical description: 1 videocassette (2 hr., 10 min., 29 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.10, 1.13, 1.14.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.12 - Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (1)**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (1)

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.12

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Date: 1996 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 5 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.10, 1.12, 1.14.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.13 - Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (2)**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (2)

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.13

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Date: 1996 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 5 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.10, 1.12, 1.13.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.14 - Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (3)**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Fantasia Fair '95 Fashion Show (3)

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.14

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

Date: 1996 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1995 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 5 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.9, 1.16.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.15 - Fantasia Fair '96 Follies**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Fantasia Fair '96 Follies

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.15

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

Date: 1998 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1996 Fantasia Fair Follies. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 51 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Duplicate of 1.9, 1.15.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.16 - Fantasia Fair '96 Follies**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Fantasia Fair '96 Follies

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.16

Date: 1996 (date of creation)

Date: 1998 (publication) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1996 Fantasia Fair Follies. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr., 51 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.17 - Fantasia Fair '94 Fashion Show**Creator: Outreach InstituteTitle: Fantasia Fair '94 Fashion ShowReference code: SC636-2019-015-1.17Date: 1994 (date of creation)Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1994 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (1 hr.) : analog, VHSLanguage of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.18 - Fantasia Fair '94 Follies**Creator: Outreach InstituteTitle: Fantasia Fair '94 FolliesReference code: SC636-2019-015-1.18Date: 1994 (date of creation)Scope and content:

Footage consists of the 1994 Fantasia Fair Follies. Official VHS produced by the Outreach Institute.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (2 hr.) : analog, VHSLanguage of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.19 - Our Gal Jane**

Title: Our Gal Jane

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.19

Date: 1997-05 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Contents unknown. Tape's label reads as follows:

Produced by Maxine

May 97

t=25 min

Physical description: 1 videocassette : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.20 - FF 97 Cam Origs - TC Burns - Follies Reel 5 - Fashion Reels 1-4**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: FF 97 Cam Origs - TC Burns - Follies Reel 5 - Fashion Reels 1-4

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.20

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1997 Fantasia Fair Fashion Show and Follies, and presentation by Evelyn Shade, Ari Kane, and McDonald. Enclosed note reads as follows:

FF97 – Follies + Fashion Show



TC – Burns  
Edu[?]  
Shade, Kane + McDonald  
Tape's label reads as follows:  
FF97 TC Burns  
Follies Reel 5  
Fashion Show Reels 1-4

Physical description: 1 videocassette : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.21 - Outreach Institute Beta Tapes: I, J, K, L**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Outreach Institute Beta Tapes: I, J, K, L

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.21

Date: [1992] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of the Outreach Institute's Outreach Awards Banquet, Guest Luncheon with speaker Garber, and Luncheon Seminar with Garber. Tape's label reads as follows:

Beta Tapes: I,J,K,L

Tapes I: Outreach Awards Banquet

Tape J: Guest Luncheon Speaker Garber

Tape K: Luncheon Seminar Garber

Physical description: 1 videocassette (2 hr., 2 min., 13 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.22 - Fantasia Fair 1993 - 21, 22, 23, 24**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair 1993 - 21, 22, 23, 24

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.22

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1993 Fantasia Fair comportment workshop with Evelyn Shade, Shade's fashion show rehearsal, and T+G supper panel. Enclosed are 3 pages of notes with time stamps. Tape's label reads as follows:

10 – E Shade – Comportment

11 Shade's Rehearsal for F.S.

9 T+G Supper Pannel

Physical description: \* 1 videocassette : analog, VHS

\* 3 p.

Language of the material:

English

Note [generalNote]:

Contains images of surgeries.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.23 - Fantasia Fair 1993 - 11, 13, 17, 70**

Creator: Fantasia Fair

Title: Fantasia Fair 1993 - 11, 13, 17, 70

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.23

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1993 Fantasia Fair, including seminar by Dr. Eugene Schrang on sexual reassignment surgery, Miller workshop, and comportment workshop with E. Shade. Enclosed are 4 pages of notes with time stamps. Tape label reads as follows:

Schrang + SRS

Part II – 13 BC

Miller Workshop

Shade – Comportment

Physical description: \* 1 videocassette (1 hr., 59 min., 19 sec.) : analog, VHS

\* 4 p.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
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### **Item: SC636-2019-015-1.24 - Outreach Institute SRS**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Outreach Institute SRS

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.24

Date: [1993?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of Outreach Insitute seminar on sexual reassignment surgery by plastic surgeon Dr. Eugene Schrang.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (49 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.25 - Outreach Institute Awards Banquet**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Outreach Institute Awards Banquet

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.25

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1993 Outreach Institute Awards Banquet.

Physical description: 1 videocassette (40 min., 14 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.26 - Outreach Institute Beta Tapes: M, N, O, P**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Outreach Institute Beta Tapes: M, N, O, P

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.26

Date: 1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1992 Outreach Institute events, including Garber luncheon seminar, colloquium with Nielson, introduction to PAAM symposium (duplicated), and Ari Kane's introduction to seminar with Bulling, Bolin, and Rich Docter. Tape label reads as following:

Reel M: Garber luncheon seminar

Reel N: Coll. w/ Nielson

Reel O: Intro to PAAM sym 1992

Reel P same as above

Tape: Edit A. Kane Intro to Bulling/Bolin/Docter

Physical description: 1 videocassette (2 hr., 3 min., 32 sec.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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**Item: SC636-2019-015-1.27 - Outreach Institute - 1991 Beta Reel #12 - Howey**

Creator: Outreach Institute

Title: Outreach Institute - 1991 Beta Reel #12 - Howey

Reference code: SC636-2019-015-1.27

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Footage consists of 1991 Outreach Institute event with Howey, including question and answer period. Enclosed note reads, "Very little content – worth keeping? –K.J." Tape label reads as follows:

Tape 9

TCR 12 – Howey –

More Q + A.

47-53 END of Howey

Physical description: 1 videocassette (53 min.) : analog, VHS

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Moving images (documentary form)
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