

Annual Exhibition photograph collection

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Summary Information

Repository	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
Creator	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Title	Annual Exhibition photograph collection
Date [bulk]	
Date [inclusive]	1853-1969, undated
Extent	10 document boxes
Location note	
Language	English
Language of Materials note	English
Abstract	<p>Comprehensive collection of photographs of PAFA's Annual Exhibitions that ran from 1811-1969. Photographs are from 1877-1969 in multiple formats. Includes artwork photographs that may have original frames and installation views. All images are being digitized and will be freely accessible online, October 2017.</p> <p>Files have been fully digitized. You may access files here.</p>

Preferred Citation note

[identification of item], Title of Collection, Collection ID#, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Art Archives, Philadelphia, PA.

Historical note

The annual exhibitions were large group exhibitions selected partly by jury and partly through invitation. By the early 1880s European art was no longer accepted, and the exhibitions took on a marked American character. The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts annuals were among the two or three most prestigious and important exhibitions in the country. Until 1903 the annual exhibitions included oils, watercolors, prints, drawings, and sculpture. In 1904 watercolors, prints, and drawings were segregated into a separate annual exhibition, which also featured the annual display of the Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters. Thus, from 1904 to 1953, the Academy mounted two annual exhibitions. In 1954 the Academy held only the 149th Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture; in 1955 only the special-format 150th Anniversary Exhibition took place; and in 1956 only the 151st Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture was held. From 1957 to 1969 the annual exhibition of painting and sculpture alternated with the annual exhibition of watercolors, prints, and drawings. The exhibitions devoted to painting and sculpture occurred in 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, and 1968.

The annual exhibitions (which included works from the Academy's permanent collection until about 1880) and some of the special exhibitions were indexed through 1870 by Anna Wells Rutledge. Her work, *Cumulative Record of Exhibition Catalogues, 1807–1870*, was published by the American Philosophical Society in 1955. This volume has been reissued, with additional material, by Sound View Press of Madison, Connecticut, and is the first of a three-volume series titled *The Annual Exhibition Record of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts*. Volume 2 indexes the annual exhibitions from 1876 to 1913, and volume 3 covers those from 1914 to 1968. All three volumes include informative background essays and research advice. Volumes 2 and 3 do not index the many special exhibitions or the annual exhibitions of watercolors, prints, and drawings, which were cosponsored by the Philadelphia Watercolor Club and the Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters. The latter series is indexed on file cards available in the Archives.

Annual exhibitions were accompanied by what modern usage would call a checklist, which contained virtually no narrative or descriptive material. Dimensions of works were not recorded. Illustrations consisted of pen and ink sketches from 1880 to 1884 and photographs from 1894 to 1969. After 1944 illustrations were limited to prizewinners. In *The Annual Exhibition Record*, illustrated works are denoted with a small open square.

Numerous prizes were awarded in both series of annual exhibitions, usually selected by the jury for the show. The winners in the oil/sculpture annuals are listed in the second and third volumes of *The Annual Exhibition Record*, which also contain descriptions of each prize. The Archives has a card-file index of prizewinners in the annual exhibitions of watercolors, prints, and drawings.

Installation photographs survive for 1877, 1893–96, 1898–1902 (limited), and 1903–12 (extensive). For 1913 to 1969 very few installation photographs are preserved. In most years, almost all of the photographs reproduced in the exhibition catalogues are also on file.

Scope and Contents note

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically. Photographic mediums have been separated to promote preservation.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Related collections

Provenance note

Processing Information note

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Controlled Access Headings

Person(s)

Corporate Name(s)

Genre(s)

Geographic Name(s)

Subject(s)

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

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Date	Item Title	Box #	Folder #
undated	Various Annual Exhibitions	1	1
1853	31st Annual Exhibition	1	2
1877	48th Annual Exhibition	1	3
1878	49th Annual Exhibition: installation shot of sculptures in center	flat file 18	1
1878	49th Annual Exhibition	1	4
1880	51st Annual Exhibition	1	5
1890	60th Annual Exhibition	1	6
1892	62nd Annual Exhibition	1	7
1893	63rd Annual Exhibition	1	8
1894	64th Annual Exhibition	1	9
1895	65th Annual Exhibition	1	10
1896-1897	66th Annual Exhibition	1	11
1898	67th Annual Exhibition	1	12
1899	68th Annual Exhibition	1	13
1900	69th Annual Exhibition	1	14
1900	69th Annual Exhibition: Rook, Edward #142 Moonlight	10	1
1900	69th Annual Exhibition: Albert Lyc- Joan of Arc	10	2
1901	70th Annual Exhibition	1	15
1901	70th Annual Exhibition: John W. Alexander-Portrait of Rodin	10	3
1902	71st Annual Exhibition	1	16
1903	72nd Annual Exhibition	2	1
1903	72nd Annual Exhibition: Charles Grafly-Joseph R. de Champ (profile)	10	4
1903	72nd Annual Exhibition: Charles Grafly-Joseph R. de Champ (front view)	10	5
1904	73rd Annual Exhibition	2	1
1905	100th Annual Exhibition	2	2
1906	101st Annual Exhibition, individual works	2	3
1907	102nd Annual Exhibition, installation	2	4
1907	102nd Annual Exhibition	2	5
1908	103rd Annual Exhibition	2	6
1908	103rd Annual Exhibition	3	1
1908	103rd Annual Exhibition - copy installation photos	3	2
1908	103rd Annual Exhibition - copy installation photos	3	3
1908	103rd Annual Exhibition	3	4
1909	104th Annual Exhibition - copy photographs	3	5
1909	104th Annual Exhibition - individual works	4	1

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1909	104th Annual Exhibition - installation originals	4	2
1910	105th Annual Exhibition	4	3
1911	106th Annual Exhibition - individual works	4	4
1911	106th Annual Exhibition - installation	4	5
1912	107th Annual Exhibition - individual works	4	6
1912	107th Annual Exhibition - installation	4	7
1913	108th Annual Exhibition	5	1
1914	109th Annual Exhibition	5	2
1914	109th Annual Exhibition: Lazar Raditz-E. Burgess Warran Esq. (Honorary Vice President of PAFA)	10	6
1915	110th Annual Exhibition	5	3
1916	111th Annual Exhibition	5	4
1917	112th Annual Exhibition	5	5
1918	113th Annual Exhibition	5	6
1919	114th Annual Exhibition	5	7
1920	115th Annual Exhibition	5	8
1921	116th Annual Exhibition	5	9
1922	117th Annual Exhibition	5	10
1923	118th Annual Exhibition	6	1
1924	119th Annual Exhibition	6	2
1925	120th Annual Exhibition	6	3
1926	121st Annual Exhibition	6	4
1927	122nd Annual Exhibition	6	5
1928	123rd Annual Exhibition	6	6
1929	124th Annual Exhibition	6	7
1930	125th Annual Exhibition	6	8
1931	126th Annual Exhibition	6	9
1932	127th Annual Exhibition	6	10
1933	128th Annual Exhibition	6	11
1934	129th Annual Exhibition	6	12
1935	130th Annual Exhibition	6	13
1936	131st Annual Exhibition	7	1
1937	132nd Annual Exhibition	7	2
1938	133rd Annual Exhibition	7	3
1939	134th Annual Exhibition	7	4
1939	134th Annual Exhibition - jury	7	5
1940	135th Annual Exhibition	7	6
1940	135th Annual Exhibition - jury	7	7
1941	136th Annual Exhibition	7	8
1942	137th Annual Exhibition	7	9
1942	137th Annual Exhibition - jury	7	10
1943	138th Annual Exhibition	8	1
1944	139th Annual Exhibition	8	2

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1945	140th Annual Exhibition	8	3
1946	141st Annual Exhibition	8	4
1947	142nd Annual Exhibition	8	5
1948	143rd Annual Exhibition	8	6
1949	144th Annual Exhibition	8	7
1949	144th Annual Exhibition - jury	8	8
1950	145th Annual Exhibition	8	9
1951	146th Annual Exhibition	8	10
1952	147th Annual Exhibition	8	11
1953	148th Annual Exhibition	8	12
1954	149th Annual Exhibition	8	13
1955	150th Annual Exhibition - A-E	9	1
1955	150th Annual Exhibition - F-M	9	2
1955	150th Annual Exhibition - N-Z	9	3
1955 July	150th Annual Exhibition - Innesbruck	9	4
1955 April- May	150th Annual Exhibition - Madrid	9	5
1955 June	150th Annual Exhibition - Strozzi Palace, Florence	9	6
1955 September	150th Annual Exhibition - Vander Haegan Museum, Ghent	9	7
1955 November	150th Annual Exhibition - Stockholm	9	8
1956	151st Annual Exhibition	9	9
1957	152nd Annual Exhibition	9	10
1958	153rd Annual Exhibition	9	11
1959	154th Annual Exhibition	9	12
1960	155th Annual Exhibition	9	13
1961	156th Annual Exhibition	9	14
1962	157th Annual Exhibition	10	1
1963	158th Annual Exhibition	10	2
1964	159th Annual Exhibition	10	3
1965	160th Annual Exhibition	10	4
1965	160th Annual Exhibition - jury	10	5
1966	161st Annual Exhibition	10	6
1967	162nd Annual Exhibition	10	7
1967	162nd Annual Exhibition - jury	10	8
1968	163rd Annual Exhibition	10	9
1968	163rd Annual Exhibition - jury	10	10
1969	164th Annual Exhibition	10	11