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**PAN AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL  
ORAL HISTORIES, 1987; 2015**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 black-and-white photo folder; 3 DVDs/CDs

COLLECTION DATES: 1987, 2015

PROVENANCE: Lyndsey Blair, Indianapolis, IN; December 2015

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Indianapolis hosted the Pan American Arts Festival from September 1986 to August 1987. It included over forty participating organizations and over two hundred events. The festival was a forerunner to the 1987 Tenth Pan American Games held in Indianapolis from 7 August to 23 August. Susan Zurbuchen and Jim (James) Strain were involved in both events.

Strain was the co-chair of the local organizing committee's (Pan American Games X/Indianapolis) Arts and Culture division. The co-chairs were responsible for the artistic celebration of the 1987 Pan American Games and decided to host a big event similar to the Los Angeles' 1984 Olympic Arts Festival. Zurbuchen was hired as the full-time coordinator for the Pan American Arts Festival and oversaw daily operations in organizing the event.

Sources:

Blair, Lyndsey Denise. "Indianapolis Arts and Culture in the Late Twentieth Century: The Origins, Activities, and Legacy of the Pan American Arts Festival." Master's thesis, Indiana University, 2015.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of two oral history interviews with Susan Zurbuchen and James A. Strain by Lyndsey Blair as research for her Master's Thesis on the 1986–1987 Pan American Arts Festival. Blair interviewed Zurbuchen on January 16, 2015 and Strain on January 23, 2015. Zurbuchen's interview is contained on two CDs and Strain is on a single CD. Also included is a photo of Strain with Bob Beckmann Jr. at the opening of the Art of the Fantastic exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

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Jim Strain photo, 1987

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