

Olympic Games (1932) Collection

Repository:

Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

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1932

Extent:

1.5 linear feet (Boxes: letter, flat, 4 ov, 1 ov in SCRR)

Language:

English

Abstract:

Copy photographs of the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, from the Museum's 1984 exhibit which was part of the 1984 Olympic Arts Festival. Also photographs of a 1932 auto salon

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GC 1014 1932 Olympics Collection
GC 1198 Xth Olympiad Scrapbook (1932)

Historical Note:

The city of Los Angeles first hosted the 1932 Summer Games for the Xth Olympiad. NHM (then called the Los Angeles County Museum of History, Science and Art) provided the venue for the

Olympic Art Exhibition or International Art Exhibition under the auspices of the American Federation of Arts.

In 1984 for the XXIIIth Olympiad in Los Angeles, like in 1932, an Olympic Arts Festival was held concurrent to the Games. NHM's participated in the Olympic Arts Festival through a three-prong exhibition covering a revisit of the 1932 Games, the Great Depression and cars of 1932. The three exhibits were the Xth Olympiad (Los Angeles, 1932); the Automobile in '32; and U.S.A. – 1932. (For more information, see *TERRA, the Members' Magazine of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries*, vol. 22, no. 5, May/June 1984).

The following year NHM held the 1984 Olympics Retrospective Exhibit. It ran from August 15 through November 17, 1985 and extended to January 6, 1986. (For more information, see *TERRA, the Members' Magazine of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries*, vol. 23, no. 6, July/August 1985).

Scope and Content Note:

Copy photographs mostly mounted on boards of the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, from the Museum's 1984 exhibit which was part of the 1984 Olympic Arts Festival. Also photographs of a 1932 auto salon housed in SCRR Row 23-2

Container List:

See following spreadsheet

Box Number	Folder Number	Description
COPY PRINTS		
1	1	Olympic Village athletes quarters
1	2	Olympic Village athletes quarters advertisement (2 copies)
1	3	Building pre-fabrications
1	4	Laying foundation
1	5	Building the units
1	6	Final stage landscaping
1	7	Greek team at train station
1	8	Team from the Philippines
1	9	Team from India
1	10	Team from Japan
1	11	Team from Argentina
1	12	Team from Australia
1	13	Athletes from each country
1	14	Frenchmen inspect kitchen
1	15	Chapman Park Hotel
1	16	Chapman Park Hotel dining room
1	17	Chapman Park Hotel
1	18	Chapman Park Hotel exterior view
1	19	Games open with Vice President Charles Curtis
1	20	Opening ceremony
1	21	Team from New Zealand
1	22	Team from Ireland
1	23	Opening ceremony
1	24	Opening ceremony (photograph folder)
COPY PRINTS		
2	1	Gold medal winner
2	2	Olympic marathon champion
2	3	5,000 meter final
2	4	100 meters
2	5	Decathlon world record
2	6	Discus champion
2	7	400 relay, 47-second world record
2	8	Middleweight champion
2	9	Vault competition
2	10	Fencing action, men
2	11	Fencing action, women
2	12	Bicycle road race
2	13	Yachting course
2	14	Pasadena Rose Bowl
2	15	Los Angeles County Museum, exterior view
2	16	Leila Mechlin, general director of the art exhibit and competition
2	17	Museum gallery, Olympic Art Exhibition or International Art Exhibition
2	18	"The Knockdown," Olympic Art Exhibition or International Art Exhibition
2	19	International Painting Jury, Olympic Art Exhibition or International Art Exhibition, Reginald Poland, John Johansen, Eugene Savage and David Alfaro Siqueiros
2	20	Interior view of the museum, Olympic Art Exhibition or International Art Exhibition

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COPY PRINTS		
3	1	List of donors (2 copies)
3	2	Business card
3	3	International ball at the Biltmore Hotel
3	4	William May Garland
3	5	Invitations
3	6	Identity card and stationery
3	7	Invitations from the mayor; two letters from Mayor George Cryer, April 10, 1926; August 17, 1928
3	8	Olympic Games ticket office
3	9	Zack Farmer and the Japanese delegation
3	10	Olympic Beautification Committee
3	11	World press in Olympic Stadium (2 copies)
3	12	Los Angeles Swimming Stadium
3	13	"Smokie" mascot dog
3	14	Photographers
3	15	Information Bureau, telephone switchboard
3	16	Olympic contests, parking lot
3	17	Judges' booths
3	18	Bill Henry and Julia C. Mayer
3	19	Fox Figueroa, advertisement for Miss Olympic Bathing Beauty Contest
3	20	Alan C. Morgan, identification card, gold medalist for yachting
3	21	Harry Muir Kurtzworth
CORRESPONDENCE, DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS		
4	1	Olympic Committee Collection museum accession records
4	2	Gold medal exhibit
4	3	"Celebrate America" party
4	4	International Olympic Committee documents
4	5	TERRA May/June 1984 reprints
4	6	TERRA May/June 1984 reprints
4	7	TERRA May/June 1984 magazine (3 copies)
4	8	Copy for exhibit labels
4	9	Memorabilia solitation from museum staff
4	10	Exhibit plans
4	11	Correspondence, 1931-1932 and program, August 4, 1932
4	12	Commemorative plate
4	13	Loan correspondence, 1983-1984
4	14	Exhibit ideas
4	15	Olympic Village articles
4	16	Correspondence, 1983-1984
5		Exhibit Labels
6		Opening Ceremonies, Keystone photo (Multiple copies)

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7 housed in Reading Room Row 13- 2		1932 auto salon