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JACK SURES

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**Biographical Sketch:** Jack Sures was born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1934. He attended the University of Manitoba (BFA 1957) and Michigan State University (MA 1959, Painting and Printmaking).

Returning to Manitoba Sures taught junior high school in Winnipeg for one year. In 1960 he left Canada again, this time taking up residence in London where he worked part-time at Chelsea Pottery and part-time at another pottery making ceramic cats. He studied classical guitar and pursued his own painting in a one-room apartment/studio. In 1961-62 he traveled extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East visiting galleries and museums and working for a time in Cyprus and Israel.

In 1962 Sures returned to Canada and established a ceramic studio in Winnipeg where he became inventor, teacher, and artist. He built Manitoba's first gas kiln with the help of colleague Ron Burke.

In 1965 he was offered an opportunity to establish a ceramics program at the Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan (now University of Regina). The same year he was the recipient of a Canada Council grant enabling him to work in Japan for six months in 1966. From 1969 to 1971 he served as Chairman of the Department of Visual Arts at the University of Regina. Another Canada Council grant took Sures to France in 1972. He then accepted a fifteen-month appointment to work for the United Nations Handcraft Development Program in Granada, West Indies before returning to Regina in 1974.

Throughout his career, Jack Sures has traveled extensively in Canada, the United States and abroad, conducting lectures, demonstrations and workshops at universities, colleges, high schools, art galleries and museums. Over the years he has offered his expertise as consultant to a variety of organizations including the Canada Council, the Banff Centre, the Regina Wascana Centre Authority, Fine Arts Committee; and the Board of the Canadian Conference of the Arts.

Work by Jack Sures has been shown in numerous solo and group exhibitions nationally and internationally and is included in the collections of the Saskatchewan Arts Board; External Affairs Canada; Province of Saskatchewan; University of Saskatchewan, Pecs National Museum, Hungary; and the University of Regina. His major commissions include ceramic pieces for Secretary of State Canada; a ceramic mural for the Provincial Office Building, Saskatoon; a terrazzo floor for the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Regina; and a mural for the Museum of Civilization, Ottawa. In 1989 he was awarded the Grand Prize in "Mino '89", the foremost international ceramic competition held in Japan every three years.

Recognizing his outstanding contributions to undergraduate teaching at the University of Regina, Jack Sures was awarded the Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at Fall Convocation on October 19, 1991. Further recognizing his achievements, on October 30, 1991, he received the Badge of the Order of Canada, from the Governor General of Canada at an investiture ceremony at Government House, Ottawa. In 1992 he received the Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Research. He was elected to the International Academy of Ceramics and he also received the Commemorative Medal of the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada in Recognition of Significant Contribution to Compatriots and to Canada.

Jack Sures retired, after 33 years of teaching undergraduate and graduate ceramics students, in June 1998. He was granted the honorary title of 'Professor Emeritus' in November of the same year.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains .26 meters of text, 27 photographs and 2 Compact Disk. It ranges in dates from 1981 to 2012.

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Box 1	1	Alberta Potters Association	2010
	2	Art Gallery of Regina	2008 – 2011
	3	Business Cards	n.d.
	4	Canada Council for the Arts	2010
	5	Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery	2007 – 2009, 2013
	6	Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	2011
	7	City Kidz Regina	2011, 2012
	8	Columbus College of Art and Design	2002
	9	Consignment Sheet – Unknown	n.d.
	10	Dead Space	2008
		Drawings	
	11	[Chalice]	n.d.
	12	Extension of Arch for Retrospective	n.d.
	13	Driscoll, Cara Gay	2002
		Exhibition Catalogues, Invitations	
	14	Group	
	15	Solo	
	16	Eyeris Inc.	2011
	17	Gardiner Museum	n.d.
	18	Government of Canada – The Chancery of Honours	2011
	19	Government of Saskatchewan – Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan	2012
	20	Handful of Dirt Newsletters	2008, 2010, 2012
	21	Hand Wave Gallery	2012
		Interviews	
	22	Jack Sures – Max Magazine #117 Inspirational Men (includes Compact Disk #1)	2001
	23	Jack Sures – Regina Clay Hipster	n.d.
	24	Jonathon Bancroft-Snell Gallery	2008
	25	Kruegar – Julia – Becoming Bandicoot (includes Krueger, Louise)	n.d.
		MacKenzie Art Gallery	
	26	(includes Tactile Desires Exhibition Information and Oversize Poster)	2008 – 2010
	27	Gallery Gift Shop	2009 – 2011

	28	Sures / Driscoll Ceramic Art Collection (includes Compact Disk #2)	2008, 2009
	29	Mendel Art Gallery	2009
	30	Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery	2008
	31	Museum of Modern Ceramic Art – Gufu, Japan	n.d.
Box 2	32	Olay and Glass Gallery	2008
	33	Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils	2010
	34	Parkinson's Curling Classics	2010 – 2012
		Personal	n.d.
	35	[budget]	n.d.
	36	Birthday Cards	
	37	Emerald Park Golf and Country Club Ltd.	1992
	38	Group Medical Services	2008
	49	Huang Family	
	40	McKinley, R. Ruth Cowdy	1981
	41	Thank You Cards	
		Photographs and Ink jets	
	42	Personal (includes 8 ink jet pictures and Photographs # 1 to 14)	
		Photographs	
		1. Tincher Super Challenge League Champions (colour)	
		2. Sures and Zhong-Yang Huang (colour)	
		3. Sures on chair holding dog (colour)	
		4. Sures holding dog under tree (colour)	
		5. Sures (head and shoulders) sitting on couch (colour)	
		6. Sures with his Mother (colour)	
		7. Sures and Harlan (colour)	
		8. Sara and Friends sleep over (colour)	
		9. Sures and Driscoll were married on April 27, 2007 (colour)	
		10. Sures family against a wall (black and white)	
		11. Unknown people at Christmastime (colour)	
		12. Wedding Party (black and white) From Left to Right: Freda Zasles (Ann Sures' Mother); Deborah Uman, Jack Sures ____ Sures (Harry's Mother); Probably Deborah's Grandparents. n.d.	
		13. Wedding Party (black and white)	
		14. Curling Team with trophy	
		Ink jet images (all are in colour)	
		1. Khajeraho Covered Jar	
		2. Table	
		3. Crosshatch Plate	
		4. Blue Fruit Plate	
		5. Tray	

	6. Mila Born October 7, 2010	
	7. Jack Sures	
	8. Jack Sures	
43	Students Photographs: Grenada – (includes photographs # , 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27)	
44	Publications Featuring Jack Sures	1986, 2011
45	Regina Food Bank	n.d.
46	Ripplinger Fine Art Gallery	2009
47	The Room	2012
48	Salvation Army	2009, 2011
49	Sask Terra News Letters	1999, 2001, 2009
50	Saskatchewan Arts Board	2009, 2012
51	Saskatchewan Craft Council	2009, 2010, 2012
52	Saskatoon Potters Guild	2013
53	Sures, Ben	2009
54	Surette, Susan	2011
55	Takashi, Hara – Japan Relief Art Summit in Regina	2011
56	Traditions Handcraft Gallery	2009 – 2011
57	Travel	1989, 1999
58	Tribute to Jack by His Former Students	n.d.
	University of Regina	2009 - 2012
59	Archives and Special Collections	2008, 2009
60	Conservatory of Performing Arts	2009
61	Curling Club	n.d.
62	Department of Visual Arts	2011
63	External Relations	2012
64	Faculty of Education – Art Education Program	2008
65	President and Vice Chancellor	2011
66	Presidents' Office	2009
67	Winnipeg Art Gallery	2000
68a	Youth Ballet Company of Saskatchewan	2009