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ANTONIO (TONY) TASCONA

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Biographical Sketch: Antonio (Tony) Tascona was born in Saint Boniface, Manitoba on March 16, 1926.

He has lived in Winnipeg for the majority of his life. From 1962 to 1964 he lived in Montreal.

He attended the Winnipeg School of Art from 1948 and received a diploma in 1950. From 1950 to 1953 he took post-graduate studies at the School of Fine Art at the University of Manitoba.

Between 1953 and 1971, Tony worked as an electroplating technician. With this knowledge and experience, he left this position to work full-time on his art.

Tony has won many commissions for his work. They include: murals, stabiles, sculptures, prints and paintings for buildings from coast to coast in Canada. Some of the major ones are the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg, Saint Boniface Hospital (painting and stabiles), Winnipeg Centennial Library Garden, Manitoba Law Courts Building, Windsor Public Library, Montreal Via Rail Park Car and many other sites in Winnipeg.

His first one man show was in 1958 at the University of Winnipeg. Since then he has had nearly 30 one man shows from Charlottetown to Victoria. He has participated in 15 two man or small group shows from Montreal to Vancouver in Canada and as far away as Connecticut and Minnesota in the United States also since 1958. As a member of large shows, he has exhibited once again from coast to coast in Canada in over 55 shows dating back to the 1950s. He has been invited to exhibit at art galleries all across Canada from 1965 to present.

He has been honoured many times over the years for his contributions to the visual arts. In 1970, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada awarded him an Arts Medal. There have been numerous monetary grants from the Canada Council and the Manitoba Arts Council from 1967 to 1976. A Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal was granted in 1977 from the Government of Canada. The Academia Italia Del Arti e Del Lavoro of Parma, Italy awarded him a Gold Medal in 1980. An Honourary Fellow from Saint John's College at the University of Manitoba and 1983 and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Saint Boniface Hospital Research Foundation in 1987 followed soon after. In 1989, the Italian Canadian League of Manitoba awarded him the Premio D'Eccellenza Award. The University of Winnipeg gave him an L.L.D. (Honourary) in 1994. In 1996 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

In 2000 and 2001, he has sponsored the Tony Tascona Bursary at the University of Winnipeg to a student studying Canadian Art History.

He has served on many advisory boards and board of directors; some include the Manitoba Department of Public Works Art Advisory Board in 1975 to 1978, the Board of Governors of the Winnipeg Art Gallery from 1978 to 1981, the Board of Directors of School of Architecture Endowment Fund of the University of Manitoba from 1980 to 1983, the Steering Committee of Main Access Gallery, Artspace in 1986, the Visual Arts Representative of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Conference of the Arts from 1990 to 1992 and the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Canada from 1997 to 1999.

Tony has had memberships in several professional associations: founding member of the Canadian Artists Representation (CAR) from 1968 to 1980, member of the Canadian Conference of the Arts from 1972 to 1974 and 1992 to 1995, Vice-President, Prairie Region of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art from 1979 to 1981, Search Committee for a New Director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery in 1985, Lifetime Membership in the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina and Winnipeg Art Gallery, member Search Committee for a New Director of the National Gallery of Canada for 1997 to 1999 and member of the Acquisitions Committee of the National Gallery of Canada for 1997 to 1999.

Since 1975 he has served on six juries for art competitions in Western Canada and North Dakota. He has presented many lectures, workshops and slide and video presentations. He has published articles or has had articles published about him in journals such as Border Crossings, Artswest Magazine, Canadian Art, Sphere Magazine and many others.

Tony's works of arts are collected throughout Canada, the United States and Japan by private collectors, corporations and private and public galleries. In 2006, Antonio (Tony) Tascona passed away in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of .91 meters of textual records, photographs and 8 oversize items. The date ranges from 1987- 2006, predominantly throughout the 1990s. The papers consist mainly of material on Tony Tascona's financial records and a great many (468) photographs from the Provencher Boulevard Studio Photograph Board (which the artist had in his home) of the artists friends and family.

The papers have the following series: Biographical Material, Address Books, Sketch Books, Financial Records and Financial Statements, Income Tax, Photographs, General files and Oversize. Wherever possible, the filing system, as developed by Doreen Millin (Tony Tascona's wife), has been maintained.

Custodial History: This accession was transferred to the archives by the Tony Tascona estate.

Legal Agreement and Access Restrictions: This accrual to the Tony Tascona fonds was accessioned on June, 2008. There are no restrictions on the materials in this collection. Donor agreement is pending.

Related Accessions: Related accessions are 88-74, 94-80 and 2001-37, 2007-14.

Future Accruals: Future accruals are not expected.

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