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MYRNA KOSTASH

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Biographical Sketch:

Myrna Ann Kostash was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1944. She attended the University of Alberta, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1965, majoring in Russian and French literature. After a further year of study at the University of Washington in Seattle she began work on her Master of Arts at the University of Toronto. She graduated with this degree in 1968.

Myrna Kostash is an investigative journalist and writer of regional and national acclaim. Kostash is the author of numerous books. Her articles and short stories have appeared in several anthologies, and extensively in periodicals such as *Chatelaine*, *Maclean's*, *Saturday Night*, and *Canadian Forum*. She has contributed radio, television, and film scripts to the CBC and the National Film Board, and has written stage plays. She has lectured widely in Canada and has taught courses, workshops, and seminars across the country. Myrna Kostash has been heavily involved with a number of professional organizations, serving on the executive of the Writers Union of Canada, the Periodical Writers of Canada, and the Alberta Writers Guild. She was on the Board of Directors of NeWest Press from 1982 to 1989. She was named Max Bell Professor of Journalism at the University of Regina in 1989, and received the Alberta Achievement Award in 1989. Myrna Kostash resides in Edmonton.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 174 centimetres of textual records, 2 DVDs, 113 audio cassette tapes and 1 oversize.

The records in this collection include business, personal and literary correspondence, daily planners, various activities, as well as writing for CBC's "Ideas" documentaries. This collection also contains a series of miscellaneous materials and publications. The date range is from 1990 – 2007, 1995-2007 predominant.

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Box 1		Activities	
	1	Awards	2002-06
	2	Governor General's Literary Awards jury	1996
	3	Events and Festivals	2002-06
	4	Cathedral Village Arts Festival	1997
	5	Miscellaneous	1996
	6	P.E.N. (Poets, Essayist, and Novelists)	1990-93
	7	Speaking Engagements and Workshops	2002-06
		Correspondence	
	8	Activity/Events Related	2001
	9	Bukowski Agency	1993-95
Box 2	10	Business	1994
	11	Business	1994
	12	Business	1995
	13	Business	1995
	14	Business	1995-96
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Box 5	23	Business	2003
	24	Business	2003
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	26	Business	2004
Box 6	27	Business	2005-06
	28	Business	2005-06
	29	Business	2005-06
	30	Business	2006
	31	Business	2006
Box 7	32	Business	2007
	33	Business	2007
	34	Canadian Conference of the Arts	1996-97
	35	Canadian Conference of the Arts	2002
	36	Canadian Forum Editorial Board	2000
	37	Creative Non-Fiction Collective	2003-06
	38	Creative Non-Fiction Collective	2003-06
	39	Governor General's Literacy Awards jury	2002
Box 8	40	Haig-Brown Activities	2007
	41	Litfest	2006
	42	Literary	1996-97
	43	Literary	2000
	44	Literary	2001
	45	Literary	2003
Box 9	46	Literary	2004
	47	Literary	2006
	48	Literary	2006
	49	Literary	2007

	50	Miscellaneous	1994-03
Box 10	51	Nancy Burke	1998-99
	52	Personal	2002-03
	53	Personal	2003
	54	Personal	2004
	55	Personal	2005-06
Box 11	56	Personal	2006
	57	Personal	2007
	58	Sage Hill Writing Experience, Inc.	2001-03
	59	Shevchenko Literary Prize	2002-03
	60	Split Rock Arts Program	2003-04
	61	The Writers' Union of Canada - Foreign Affairs Committee	2000-03
	62	Foreign Affairs Committee	2001-02
	63	Writer Friends	1996-97
Box 12	64	Writer Friends	1996-97
	65	Writer in Residence: University of Alberta	2003-04

Diaries and Daily Planners

	66	Planner	1997-99
	67	Planner	2001-02
	68	Planner	2003-04
	69	Planner	2005-06
	70	European Travel	1995

Miscellaneous

Box 13	71	Charter 94	1992-94
	72	Function as a text – Lithuanian artist, Banff	1990s

Publications

	73	The Loft	1993-94
	74	Writers' Confidential	1993-94
	75	The Writers' Union of Canada Newsletter	1993-04

Teaching and Academic Involvement

	76	My Town – Students and writers on their towns	1993
	77	University of Victoria creative writing department review	2000

Writing

	78	Alexander the Great	1995
	79	CBC Ideas Documentary – Pursuing Demetrius: Notes and Correspondence	2001
	80	Draft 1	2001
	81	Draft2	2001
Box 14	82	Draft 3 and 4	2001
	83	Interviews	2001
	84	CBC Ideas Documentary – Six Things you need to Know about Byzantium: Notes and Correspondence	2007
	85	Draft 1	2007
	86	Draft 2	2007
	87	Draft 4	2007
	88	Draft 5	2007

	89	Draft 6	2007
	90	Draft 7	2007
	91	Draft 8	2007
Box 15	92	Interviews	2007
	93	Miscellaneous	1985
	94	Moose Jaw Festival of Words	n.d.
	95	The North Saskatchewan: What is a River for?	n.d.
		Writing by Others	
	96	Speros Vryonis, Jr. - The Byzantine Legacy in Folk Life and Tradition in the Balkans	n.d.
		Video Tapes	
	97	The 2007 Dr. Iraida and Prof. Michael Tarnawecky Distinguished Lecture – University of Manitoba Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies (DVD)	2007
	98	Myrna Kostash Reading: Words on the Water – Campbell River (DVD)	2007
		Audio Tapes	
	1	1997-99: Alana Blitstein	1998
	2	Ana Serrano	n.d.
	3	Anna Paskal	n.d.
	4	Andrea Curtis	n.d.
	5	Barry Gordon	n.d.
	6	Camille Turner	n.d.
	7	Clarissa Legarotera – Winnipeg	n.d.
	8	Colleen Whelan	n.d.
	9	Denise Kellahan – CAW – New Westminster	1997
	10	Greg King	1998
	11	Ian Angus	n.d.
	12	Irshad Manji	n.d.
	13	Jeff Hirschfield Pt.1	n.d.
	14	Jennifer Welsh	n.d.
	15	John Schellenberg	1998
	16	Kevin Matthews – Winnipeg	n.d.
	17	Kyle Shaw	n.d.
	18	Louis Chiang	n.d.
	19	Mike Clattenburg	n.d.
	20	Mike Clattenburg Pt.2	n.d.
	21	Naomi Klein	n.d.
	22	Naomi Klein Pt.1, Paul Glezzi Pt.2	n.d.
	23	Noah Weisbord Pt.1	n.d.
	24	Noam Gouile – Winnipeg	1998
	25	Rahim Jaffer	1998
	26	Richard Gwyn	1997
	27	Richard Nimjean	n.d.
	28	Sally McKay and Michelle Jacques	n.d.
	29	Shango	n.d.
	30	Zoe Newman and Kelly O'Brian	n.d.
	31	Blood Lines: Baranczak S., Cambridge Mass	1998
	32	Benjamin, 3-4	n.d.
	33	Efrain/Anna	n.d.

34	Efrain/Anna, 5	n.d.
35	Igor Pomerantsev	n.d.
36	Igor Pomreantsev 1-2	n.d.
37	June Songs – M.N.S.L., Belgrade	1998
38	June Songs – M.N.S.L., 2	1998
39	June Songs, 3	1998
40	Pavlychko, 1	n.d.
41	Pavlychko, 3	n.d.
42	The Next Canada 1997-99: APEC Alert	n.d.
43	Asahiw	n.d.
44	Boychuks Pt.3	n.d.
45	Cameron Bailey	n.d.
46	Carly Stasko	n.d.
47	Catherine Crowston	n.d.
48	Clive Thompson	n.d.
49	Craig Chandler	n.d.
50	Dan Gawthrop	n.d.
51	Dan Gawthrop	n.d.
52	Daniel Coumoyer Pt.1	n.d.
53	Daniel Coumoyer Pt.2	n.d.
54	Fiona	n.d.
55	Greenpeace	1997
56	Ivan Berry	n.d.
57	Jenny Kwan Pt.2	n.d.
58	John Fryer and Jenny Kwan	n.d.
59	John Curkan	1997
60	John Montesano	n.d.
61	Julie Kubanek 1	n.d.
62	Julie Kubanek 2	n.d.
63	Julie Kubanek 3	n.d.
64	Julja Sukys	n.d.
65	Larissa Lai	n.d.
66	Larissa Lai #3	n.d.
67	Liz Evans – Portland Hotel	n.d.
68	Liz McLean	n.d.
69	Malcolm Azania	n.d.
70	Mark Kingwell 1	n.d.
71	Mark Kingwell 3	n.d.
72	Myron Shultz	n.d.
73	Nestor Gula	n.d.
74	Oryssia and Volodko Boychuk	n.d.
75	Pradeep Pillai	n.d.
76	Rahim Jaffer	n.d.
77	Robin Thompson and Stephen Cassidy	n.d.
78	Tim Gray	n.d.
79	Wes Borg	n.d.
80	The Next Canada, 1998-99: Adam Krims – University of Alberta	n.d.
81	Ahasiw	n.d.
82	Alfred Pt.2	n.d.
83	Bronwen Trim	n.d.
84	Catherine Martin	n.d.
85	Chris Boyce	1998
86	Claude Denis	n.d.
87	Daneille Sturk	n.d.
88	Dempsy and Millian	n.d.

89	Denise Benson	n.d.
90	Eric Michaud	n.d.
91	Erin Clarke	n.d.
92	Gary Varro, "Common Ground"	1997
93	James Van Allen	n.d.
94	Jennifer Corson	n.d.
95	Katherine Setzer	n.d.
96	Kavita Duggal Sharma	n.d.
97	Keith Fulton	n.d.
98	Kevin Wilson	n.d.
99	Linda Melnychuk	n.d.
100	Lise Gotell	n.d.
101	Marilyn Lerner	n.d.
102	Naomi Klein Pt.2	n.d.
103	Nicole Saul	n.d.
104	Pamela Edmonds	n.d.
105	Paul and Khmaria	n.d.
106	Paul Ghezzi, Pt.1	n.d.
107	Peter van Stolk	n.d.
108	Velcrow Ripper	n.d.
109	Ronald Bourgeois	n.d.
110	Sam Hiyate	n.d.
111	Sherry Fowler	n.d.
112	Stew Slater	n.d.
113	Wade Mouawad	n.d.

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1	Edmonton Exhibition entry by Myrna Kostash age 8	n.d.
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