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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, in ceramics; the Banff Centre, in facilities and program development; 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.

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