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ANNE SZUMIGALSKI

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Anne Howard Szumigalski (nee Davis) was born on January 3, 1922 in London, England. Her parents were Mary Winder Allen and Herbert Edward Davis. Anne had one sister named Mary and two brothers, Harold and John. Anne served with the Red Cross as a medical auxiliary officer and interpreter during World War II, following British Army forces in 1944-5 across parts of newly liberated Europe. Anne married Jon Waclov Szumigalski in 1946 and in 1951 moved to Canada and in 1956, to Saskatoon. Anne and Jon had four children: Kate, Elizabeth, Anthony, and Mark.

For most of her life in Canada, Anne Szumigalski was a playwright, editor and poet. She published numerous books of poetry and helped found the Saskatchewan Writers Guild, she was the first editor of the literary journal *Grain* Magazine, and also mentored many young writers.

Anne published *BOooOM* with Terrence Heath and Eleanor Pearson in 1973 and her first book of poetry, *Woman Reading in Bath* was published in 1974. Also written with Terrence Heath, in 1979, was *Wild Man's Butte: A Stereophonic Poem*. In 1988, again with writing partner Terrence Heath, *Journey/Journée* was published with the drawings and wood engravings by Jim Westergard, who was also the illustrator of Anne's *Risks: A Poem which* was published in 1983.

Other publications Anne wrote or edited include *Fear of Knives: A Book of Fables*, 2000; *Sermons on Stones: Words and Images*, 1997; *On Glassy Wings: Poems New and Selected*, 1997; *Voice*, with Marie Elyse St. George, 1995; *Why Couldn't You See Blue?* Caroline Heath, Edited by Anne Szumigalski in 1994; *The Word, the Voice, the Text: the Life of a Writer*, 1990; *Rapture of the Deep: Paintings by G.N. Louise Jonasson*, 1991; *Sudeten in Saskatchewan: A Way To Be Free*, by Rita Schilling, Edited by Anne Szumigalski, 1989; *Dogstones: Selected and New Poems*, 1986; *Heading Out: The New Saskatchewan Poets*, edited in 1986 by Don Kerr and Anne Szumigalski; *Jaw, Sask.*, 1986; *Instar: Poems and Stories*, 1985; *Doctrine of Signatures* published in 1983 and nominated for the Governor General's Award. *A Game of Angels* was published in 1980 and Szumigalski, Caroline Heath and Don Kerr edited *The Best of Grain: Volumes I-VII* in 1980. Anne has also produced four voice poems for the CBC.

Anne's memoir *The Voice, the Word, the Text* was published in 1990 as was *Z.*, Anne's play about the Holocaust incorporating poetry, dance and drama; in 2006 her literary executor Mark Abley edited a volume of her posthumous poems, *When Earth Leaps Up*.

Anne Szumigalski won many awards during her lifetime including the Saskatchewan Poetry Prize, the Saskatchewan Senior Arts Award, and the Okanagan Short Story Award. In 1989, Anne was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and in 1995 her collection *Voice*, featuring paintings by Marie Elyse St George, won the prestigious Governor General's Award for English Language Poetry, the Manitoba Writers Guild has set up a scholarship in her name and the Saskatchewan Book Award for Poetry is named for her.

Anne passed away in 1999.

Scope and content: The Anne Szumigalski Fonds consists of audio visual material, awards and grants, calendars, contracts, correspondence, memorabilia, news clippings of interest to Anne and those about Anne Szumigalski, many Notebooks filled with poems both finished and unfinished as well as ideas for poems. Information pertaining to her Professional Activities, Reviews on her work as well as Writing by Anne and her various writing partners is also present. A few photographs exist within several of the folders within this collection. The majority of the records are the notebooks and writing by Szumigalski. The date ranges are 1938 to 1998 but predominantly 1990 to 1998. There are 1.43 m of textual records, 13 oversize materials, 16 photographs, 2 VHS tapes, 3 reel-to-reel sound recordings and 3 items.

Note on Arrangement: The records were collected and created by Anne Szumigalski.

Other Related Accessions: University of Regina Archives and Special Collections holds accessions: 91-95, 92-29 and 2006-42; and 2009-70 which is the Lifetime Award for Excellence in the Arts bust of Ernest Lindner (by Joe Fafard) as well, other of Anne's papers may be found at the University of Saskatchewan.

Custodial History: The collection was sent to Archives and Special Collections by Andris Taskans, Executor of Anne's Szumigalski's estate. There are no restrictions in this collection however a few Restricted files are located in Boxes 1, 3 and 4. The donor agreement is pending. Future Accruals are not expected.

Restrictions: Anne Szumigalski holds the copyright to all material.

Box 1		Audio Visual Material	
		Sound / Recording Tapes	
	1	1) Unknown	
		2) Unknown	
		3) Wilson School	n.d.
		VHS Tapes	
	2	1) Creation _____	n.d.
	3	2) Z	n.d.
Box 2		Awards and Grants	
	4	Awards Dinner for Governor General Jeanne Sauve (includes photographs #1)	
	5	Governor General's Award (includes 2 oversize)	1995
		Saskatchewan Arts Board	
RESTRICTED	6	Saskatchewan Arts Board Grant	1991
	7	Lifetime Award for Excellence in the Arts (Pamphlet only) (see 2009-70 Box 1/1 for Sculpture by Fafard)	1990
	8	Writing School Funding Grant	1990
	9	Saskatchewan Book Awards (includes 1 oversize)	1995
	10	Saskatchewan Order of Merit Award (includes correspondence and 1 oversize(certificate))	1989-1990
	11	Writers Choice Award	
	12	Young Women Christian Association (YMCA) Grant	
Box 3	13	Clippings about Anne Szumigalski (includes 1 oversize)	
RESTRICTED	14	Contracts	
		Correspondence	
	15	General (includes photographs #2)	
	16	Christmas Cards (includes photographs #3, 4, 5)	
	17	Patrick Lane	
	18	Muriel Park	1988
	19	Stan Rowe	
	20	A.R. Szumigalski(family)	
	21	Piotr Szumigalski (family)	1989, 1990
	22	Memorabilia (includes 5 oversize and 1 Yukon pin)	
		Newsclipping of Interest	
	23	New Spanish Architecture	
	24	Victory Day in Europe, May 7, 1995 (includes oversize)	1995
Box 4	25	Permission	

		Personal	
	26	Addition to House	
	27	Budget	1984, 1985, 1996, 1998
		Calendars	
	28	1978	
	29	1993	
	30	1994	
	31	1995	
	32	1996	
	33	1997	
	34	1998	
	35	1999	
	36	Citizenship Papers (includes I.D. photo card)	
	37	Curriculum Vitae	
	38	Drawing of Anne Szumigalski by Heather Spears (photocopy)	1990
	39	Memoirs of 1970's Poetry Group	
	40	Passport / Information / Identification (includes photographs # 6, 7, 8, 9)	
	41	Receipts for Artworks	
	42	Tony [Szumigalski] Wedding Guest List	n.d.
		Professional Activities	
	43	Anthologies	
	44	Katherine Bitney	
	45	Canada Council Public Reading Programs	1984
	46	Edited Reviews	
	47	General Reviews/Criticisms by Anne Szumigalski	1995
	48	Harbourfront Reading Series	1991
	49	Kuala Lumpur World Poetry reading (includes photographs #10, 11)	1990
RESTRICTED	50	League of Canadian Poets	1992, 1998
	51	Public Lending Commission	1987
	52	Public Relations (includes photographs #12, 13) (includes oversize)	
	53	Readings	
	54	Reviews	
Box 5	55	Sage Hill Writing Experience Inc.	1994
	56	Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council (includes photograph #14, #15)	
	57	Saskatchewan Writers Guild W/rites of the Imagination (includes 1 pin)	1991
	58	Sidney Reading Series	1997
	59	Lois Simmie	
	60	Women and Texts and Max Launches	July 1997
		Publication featuring Anne Szumigalski	
	61	<i>Freelance</i> Vol. XIX, Number 8, April 1990 (pg. 8)	
	62	<i>Freelance</i> Vol. XXII, Number 1, July/August 1992 (pg.	

	63	6) Poetry Canada Vol. 12, No. 1, n.d. (pg. 5)	
		Reviews	
	64	Reviews on Anne Szumigalski's Writing	
	65	Reviews of Anne Szumigalski Art Show Rumours of War Rumours of Peace	
	66	Royalties	
	67	Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations	1990
		Saskatchewan Writers Guild	
	68	Expense Claim Forms	1984 - 1998
	69	Literary Arts Festival	1989
		Writing by Anne Szumigalski	
Box 6	70	25th Street Play	
	71	C.H. Poems etc.	
	72	Cicatrice	1967
	73	Dedication for Book "A Century of Man"	n.d.
	74	The Devotee	n.d.
	75	Dogstone: Selected and New Poems	
	76	Essays (finished)	
	77	Feathers	
	78	Ideas	1989
	79	Journal/Journee (correspondence)	
	80	Litany of the Bagladies (2 copies) (includes photograph # 16)	
	81	A Matter of Spirit	n.d.
	82	Melipona	
	83	New Poems for Next Manuscript (The Third Kingdom)	
	84	No Ancient Gentleman Final Draft	n.d.
	85	No Ancient Gentleman Preliminary Notes	1978
	86	Notebook 1	n.d.
	87	Notebook 2	n.d.
	88	Notebook 3	n.d.
	89	Notebook 4	n.d.
	90	Notebook 5	n.d.
	91	Notebook 6	n.d.
	92	Notebook 7	n.d.
	93	Notebook 8	n.d.
	94	Notebook 9	n.d.
Box 7	95	Notebook 10	n.d.
	96	Notebook 11	n.d.
	97	Notebook 12	n.d.
	98	Notebook 13	n.d.
	99	Notebook 14	n.d.
	100	Notebook 15	n.d.

Box 8	101	Notebook 16	n.d.
	102	Notebook 17	n.d.
	103	Notebook 18	n.d.
	104	Notebook 19	n.d.
	105	Notebook 20	n.d.
	106	Notebook 21	n.d.
	107	Notebook 22	n.d.
	108	Notebook	[1938]
	109	Notebook	1935 – 1938
	110	Notebook	1969
	111	Notebook	1972
	112	Notebook	1981
	113	Notebook	1987
	114	Notebook	1988
	115	Notebook	[1991]
	116	Odd Papers Related to Coteau – Selected	
	117	Odd Poems, Copies, Pieces	
	118	On Peeling and Onion (drafts)	
	119	Poems	
	120	Poems Unfinished Scraps and Poems to be Finished, and Drawings	
Box 9	121	Poetics and So On	1985
	122	Present Tense	
	123	For Prose / Poem Manuscript (rejects)	
	124	Rapture of the Deep	
	125	Route 66	
	126	Rumours of Peace Rumours of War (includes oversize)	
	127	Sacred Dance	
	128	Selected Prose Poems	
	129	Sermons on Stones Words and Images (includes correspondence)	
	130	Shells (various drafts)	
	131	The Third Kingdom 1983 - 1985	
	132	[Three Words]	
	133	Translations – 5 Poems in Serbian	
	134	Two Young Women	
	135	Unknown 1/2 (includes oversize)	
	136	Unknown 2/2	
	137	Untitled Play	
	138	Untitled Story	
	139	Various	
	140	Voice Music Score by David I. McIntyre (includes correspondence)	1998
Box 10	141	<i>Woman Reading in Bath</i> (book)	1974
		Z	
	142	Z	n.d.
	143	Z Play	n.d.
	144	Z (25th Street Theatre Centre performance) 1994	
	145	Z (Final)	
	146	Z (various working papers 1/4	
	147	Z (various working papers 2/4 (includes oversize)	
	148	Z (various working papers 3/4	
	149	Z (various working papers 4/4	

	150	Z (includes correspondence with E. Rafols-Sagues Catalan translator)	[1995]
		Writing by Others	
Box 11	151	Beryl Baigent	1980
	152	Janet Ruth Davis	
	153	Caroline Heath 1/5	
RESTRICTED	154	Caroline Heath 2/5	
	155	Caroline Heath 3/5	
	156	Caroline Heath 4/5	
	157	Caroline Heath 4/5	
	158	John V. Hicks	
	159	Jackie Le Sann Poems	1974
	160	Liv Lundberg	1991
	161	Rod MacInyre	
	162	Steven Ross Smith	1994
	163	Guus Vleugal and Ton Vorstenbosch	
		Writing with Others	
	164	Dreambook	1988
	165	Don Kerr (Review of Heading Out)	
	166	Honor (Rogers) Kever	
	167	Elizabet Rafols-Sagues (Rumours of War Rumours of Peace)	
	168	Marie Elyse St. George (Voice)	