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JACK SURES VIA CARA GAY (DRISCOLL) SURES

ARTIFACTS

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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 Grenada, 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. In 2018 Sures was named as the winner of the Saidye Bronfman Award.

Sures passed away in 2018.

Written by Jack Sures, 2015
Edited by E. Seitz, 2018

Scope and Content: This collection contains 34 items created by Jack Sures during his career as a potter and an instructor at the University of Regina.







Custodial History: Cara Gay (Driscoll) Sures along with his biographer, Julia Krueger, selected these object for inclusion in the University of Regina Archives in August 2018.

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Future Accruals: Future accruals are not expected.

Access Restrictions: There are no restrictions to access for this collection.

32 ARTIFACTS (34 ITEMS)

Artifact 1	<p>Title: Animal #2</p> <p>Date: c.1975</p> <p>Dimensions: 7" L x 2" W x 7.5" H</p> <p>Description: Ceramic; Wood</p>	
Artifact 2	<p>Title: [Untitled]</p> <p>Descriptive Title: Circle Vase from Winnipeg Days</p> <p>Date: c. 1963</p> <p>Dimensions: 9" L x 3" W x 10" H (26 cm H x 22 cm W x 7 cm D)</p> <p>Description: Stoneware</p>	
Artifact 3	<p>Title: [Untitled]</p> <p>Descriptive Title: Demo Vase from Sheridan College, Ontario</p> <p>Date: c. 1969</p> <p>Dimensions: 7" L x 8.5" W x 13" H (31 cm H x 19 cm W x 11 cm D)</p> <p>Description: Clay</p>	
Artifact 4	<p>Title: [Untitled]</p> <p>Descriptive Title: Oval Vase with Caged Top</p> <p>Date: 1982</p> <p>Dimensions: 5" L x 3.5" W x 8.5" H</p> <p>Description: Porcelain</p>	
Artifact 5	<p>Title: [Untitled]</p> <p>Descriptive Title: Lunch Tile</p> <p>Date: [Unknown]</p> <p>Dimensions: 15" L x 12" W x 1" H</p> <p>Description: Porcelain</p>	
Artifact 6	<p>Title: [Untitled]</p> <p>Descriptive Title: Tile</p> <p>Date: [Unknown]</p> <p>Dimensions: 8.5" L x 1" W x 8.5" H</p> <p>Description: Stoneware</p>	

Artifact 7

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: TileDate: c. 1970
Dimensions: 6" L x .5" W x 6" H
Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration
by Sures; Ceramic (Tile)

Artifact 8

Title: [Untitled]
Description Title: TileDate: [Unknown]
Dimensions: 8" L x 1" W x 8" H
Description: Porcelain

Artifact 9

Title: [Untitled]

Date: c. 1970
Dimensions: 4.5" L x .5" W x 4.5" H
Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration
by Sures; Ceramic (Tile)

Artifact 10

Title: [Untitled]

Date: c. 1970
Dimensions: 4.5" L x .5" W x 4.5" H
Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration
by Sures; Ceramic (Tile)

Artifact 11

Title: [Untitled]

Date: c. 1970
Dimensions: 4.5" L x .5" W x 4.5" H
Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration
by Sures; Ceramic (Tile)

Artifact 12

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Sturdy Stone Tile; Tile is of Huge
Mural (See photograph 99-38-35)Date: 1978
Dimensions: 12" L x 6" W x 11.5" H
Description: Stoneware

Artifact 13

Title: [Untitled]
 Descriptive Title: Lamp Base
 Date: [Unknown]
 Dimensions: 5" L x 5" W x 6" H
 Description: Sawdust Fired Ceramic



Artifact 14

Title: [Untitled]
 Descriptive Title: Trivet or Wall Disk
 Date: c. 1969
 Dimensions: 9.5" L x 9.5" W x 1" H
 Description: Stoneware
 Additional Information: Cracked on bottom



Artifact 15

Title: [Untitled]
 Descriptive Title: Winnipeg Sculpture
 Date: c. 1965-1974
 Dimensions: 7.5" L x 2.5" W x 5" H
 Description: Ceramic with Fiberglass; Painted



Artifact 16-1

Title: [Untitled] – Part 1 of 2
 Descriptive Title: Big Jar with Woman on Lid
 Date: 1983
 Dimensions: 6" L x 6" W x 4" H
 Description: Porcelain
 Additional Information: Part 1 of 2 and Part 2 of 2 are in same box.



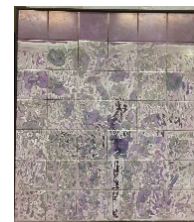
Artifact 16-2

Title: [Untitled] – Part 2 of 2
 Descriptive Title: Big Jar with Woman on Lid
 Date: 1983
 Dimensions: 8" L x 8" W x 6" H
 Description: Porcelain
 Additional Information: Part 1 of 2 and Part 2 of 2 are in same box.



Artifact 17

Title: Pink Plentitude
 Date: c. 1970
 Dimensions: 37" L x 2" W x 44" H
 Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration by Sures; Ceramic (Tile); Wood Base



Artifact 18

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Vase with StripsDate: c. 1977-1978
Dimensions: 6" L x 6" W x 5" H
Description: Stoneware

Artifact 19

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: GobletDate: 1991
Dimensions: 3" L x 3.5" W x 6.5" H
Description: Porcelain

Artifact 20

Title: [Untitled]
Description Title: Purple SculptureDate: c. 1970
Dimensions: 7" L x 4" W x 5" H
Description: Ceramic and paint

Artifact 21

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Unfinished PlateDate: 1979
Dimensions: 7.5" L x 7.5" W x 1" H
Description: Porcelain

Artifact 22

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Pillar Vase with X'sDate: 1982
Dimensions: 5" L x 5" W x 17" H
Description: Stoneware

Artifact 23

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Tall Vase with White Spiral SwirlsDate: 1982
Dimensions: 4" L x 4" W x 21" H
Description: Stoneware [Porcelain]

Artifact 24

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Stretched Clay Study VaseDate: 1982
Dimensions: 8.5" L x 2" W x 8" H
Description: Clay

Artifact 25

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Titled: Vase with Squished Bandicoots on
Rim

Date: 1982
Dimensions: 5" L x 5" W x 12" H
Description: Stoneware



Artifact 26

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Disk

Date: c. 1976
Dimensions: 11.5" L x 11.5" W x 1" H
Description: Ceramic; Unfinished



Artifact 27

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Tile from the Prairie landscape with
Bandicoots [Mural] in the Cathedral Neighborhood
Centre, City of Regina

Date: 1996
Dimensions: 11" L x 11.5" W x 1" H
Description: Clay



Artifact 28-1

Title: [Untitled] – Part 1 of 2
Descriptive Title: Snake Box

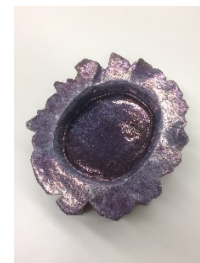
Date: c. 1972
Dimensions: 7" L x 7" W x 3" H
Description: Ceramic with Luster
Additional Information: Part 1 of 2 and Part 2 of 2 are
in same box.



Artifact 28-2

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Snake Box – Part 2 of 2

Date: c. 1972
Dimensions: 7" L x 7" W x 2" H
Description: Ceramic with Luster
Additional Information: Part 1 of 2 and Part 2 of 2 are
in same box.



Artifact 29

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Porcelain Framed Lunch Tile

Date: [Unknown]
Dimensions: 4" L x 1.25" W x 5.5" H
Description: Porcelain; Wood



Artifact 30

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Luster Tile

Date: c. 1970
Dimensions: 6.75" L x .5" W x 6.75" H
Description: Commercial Tile with Luster Decoration
by Sures; Ceramic (Tile); Wood Base



Artifact 31

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Tall Extruded Vessel

Date: c. 1980-1983
Dimensions: 6.5" L x 7" W x 29.5" H
Description: Stoneware
Additional Information: Broken (Pieces of Sculpture
Missing).



Artifact 32

Title: [Untitled]
Descriptive Title: Flat Animal Creature

Date: c. 1974
Dimensions: 7" L x .5" W x 8" H
Description: Stoneware

