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RUSSELL YURISTY

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**Scope and Content:** 1964 - 1990. - 25 cm of textual records. - 58 photographs; 13 x 18 cm and smaller. - 2 playground blueprints; 105 x 75 cm and smaller.

This collection contains personal papers, correspondence with galleries and Canada Council, drawings and sketches by Yuristy and 58 photographs falling into two series: Playground Sculptures; and Personal photographs from Goodeve

**Biographical sketch:** Russell Yuristy was born in Goodeve, Saskatchewan in 1936. He moved from Flin Flon, Manitoba to Siltou, Saskatchewan in 1969. In 1959 he received his B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Campus. He received his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1967 with a major in painting and a minor in graphics. He taught drawing and painting at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus from 1967-71 and was Administrator of the Emma Lake Artists' Workshops from 1968-70. Yuristy is best known for his large animal playground sculptures. He has built sculptures in Ottawa, Spokane (Washington), Churchill (Manitoba), Swift Current, Saskatoon, Vancouver (for Expo '86) and in Regina. In 1986 he moved to Ottawa and taught some classes at the University of Ottawa and the Ontario College of Art. He moved to Montreal in 1990.

**Custodial history:** These records were previously in the possession of Russell Yuristy.

**NOTE ON ARRANGEMENT:** Original order not deemed useable.

## Box 1 Education

Grade 12 Diploma - 1956

## Personal Life

Correspondence, Family - n.d., 1985-89  
 Correspondence, Friends - n.d., 1975-79, 1984-90  
 Legal and Insurance Documents - 1964, 1969, 1979, 1981-85  
 Notes, Phone Book, etc. - n.d., 1987-89

## Writing

Correspondence from Russ Yuristy - n.d., 1987-90  
 Sketch Book / Writing - n.d.  
 Sketches / Drawings - 1984-85  
 Writings regarding Art by Yuristy - n.d., 1986-90

## Work

## Teacher

Correspondence and Notes relating to teaching at the University of Ottawa  
 and the Ontario College of Art - n.d., 1987-90  
 Course Evaluation Forms, Art 110.3A - 1989

## Box 2

## Artist

Canada Council - 1972-79, 1987-89  
 Correspondence  
   General - 1985-88  
   Galleries - n.d., 1975-77, 1984-87  
   Galleries - 1988-90  
   Regarding Grants - 1979, 1986-90  
   Saskatchewan Arts Board - 1979, 1984-86  
 Exhibition Catalogues, Yuristy - 1981, 1985, 1988-89  
 Information regarding Exhibitions / Sales of Art - n.d., 1978, 1985, 1988-89  
 Invitations featuring Yuristy - 1987-89  
 Invitations to other shows - n.d., 1987-89  
 Projects, Expo '86 - 1984-86  
 Projects, Expo '88 - 1987-88  
 Newspaper Clippings - 1985, 1987-88  
 Resume - n.d.

## Oversize

Expo '86, Plans for Playground - 1984-86 (4)  
 Expo '88, Plans for Playground - 1987 correspondence, Friends - n.d., 1975-79 (5)

## Photographs

## Photo 1

Date: September 13, 1979  
 colour  
 4x5  
 Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
 Location: Ottawa, Ontario

## Photo 2

Date: 1979  
 colour  
 4x5  
 Subject: Beaver playground sculpture

Location: Ottawa

Photo 3

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 4

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 5

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 6

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 7

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 8

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? working on beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 9

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy inside beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 10

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy inside beaver sculpture

Location: Ottawa

Photo 11

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy inside beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 12

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy inside beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 13

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 14

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 15

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Interior of beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 16

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Interior of beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 17

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Unknown person building beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 18

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Unknown person building beaver sculpture

Location: Ottawa

Photo 19

Date: 1979  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Beaver playground sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 20

Date: 1979  
colour  
5x7  
Subject: Children playing on beaver sculpture  
Location: Ottawa

Photo 21

Date: n.d.  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Elephant playground sculpture  
Location: [Silton?], Saskatchewan

Photo 22

Date: n.d.  
colour negatives  
Subject: Elephant playground sculpture  
Location: [Silton?]

Photo 23

Date: n.d.  
black and white negatives  
Subject: Duckboat playground sculpture  
Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photo 24

Date: n.d.  
black and white  
5x7  
Subject: Polar bear playground sculpture  
Location: Churchill, Manitoba

Photo 25

Date: n.d.  
colour negatives  
Subject: Polar bear playground sculpture  
Location: Churchill

Photo 26

Date: 1974  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? at supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane, Washington

Photo 27

Date: 1974

black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 28

Date: 1974  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 29

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 30

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and two unknown people  
Location: Spokane

Photo 31

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Supercrow playground sculpture  
  
Location: Spokane

Photo 32

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? at supercrow sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 33

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and two unknown people  
Location: Spokane

Photo 34

Date: 1974  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy on supercrow sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 35

Date: 1974

colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy on supercrow sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 36

Date: 1974  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy on supercrow sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 37

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 38

Date: 1974  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy with unknown reporter  
Location: Spokane

Photo 39

Date: 1974  
black and white and colour negatives  
Subject: Supercrow playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 40

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Moose playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 41

Date: 1974  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Moose playground sculpture  
Location: Spokane

Photo 42

Date: 1977  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo' playground sculpture  
Location: Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Photo 43

Date: 1977  
colour  
4x5



Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? with 'Billy Buffalo'  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 44

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 45

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 46

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 47

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 48

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 49

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: 'Billy Buffalo', burnt  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 50

Date: [1977]  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Unknown child inside burnt 'Billy Buffalo'  
Location: Swift Current

Photo 51

Date: July 1979  
colour  
4x5

Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? building goose playground sculpture  
Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

## Photo 52

Date: May 1980  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? with goose sculpture  
Location: Regina

## Photo 53

Date: June 1980  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy and ? with goose sculpture  
Location: Regina

## Photo 54

Date: July 1980  
colour  
4x5  
Subject: Goose playground sculpture  
Location: Regina

## Photo 55

Date: [1952 ?]  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy with his 4-H wheat plot  
Location: Goodeve, Saskatchewan

## Photo 56

Date: n.d.  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy with his muskrat pelts  
Location: [Goodeve]

## Photo 57

Date: n.d.  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy with his high school friends Nestor  
Herasymuik and Kenneth Burak  
Location: [Goodeve]

## Photo 58

Date: May 1, 1975  
black and white  
4x5  
Subject: Russ Yuristy [passport photo]  
Location