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VICTOR Cicansky

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Biographical Note

Victor Cicansky was born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1935. He completed a Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon in 1964, and a Bachelor of Arts at Regina Campus in 1967. In 1970 he began teaching at Regina Campus, where he continues to teach today for the Department of Visual Arts.

These papers, slides and sculptural maquettes cover a number of commissions and art pieces which Cicansky completed over a twenty year period, from 1970 to 1989. They include maquettes and sketches for "The Old Working Class," and the "New Working Class" commissions. The wall sculpture entitled "The Garden Fence," now in the Canadian Broadcasting Building in Regina, is also featured in this collection. Slides take the researcher through the step-by-step processes which the artist went through in order to create the sculpture. There is a working sketch, a sample tile, a miniature wall, and photographs of the final sculpture as evidence of these processes. Cicansky's smaller works, such as "Armchair Garden," and "Cabbages in a Windstorm," give researchers a view of what makes Cicansky a popular artist amongst private collectors.

Note on Arrangement:

These papers and maquettes are arranged chronologically by sculptural piece.
Photographs #31-47 are in File 10

Sculpture

"Mother Would Have Wanted it This Way" - 1970

Sculpture #1
Photographs
Photo#31

"Candy Dish" [Dinner Set] - 1970

Sculpture #2
Photo #32

"Plate with Mouth" [Dinner Set] - 1970

Sculpture #3
Photo #33

"Plate with Mouth" [Dinner Set] - 1970

Sculpture #4
Photo #34

"There is No Place Like Home" - 1970

Sculpture #5
Photo #35

"Moose Jaw Woman" - 1975

Sculpture #6
Photo #36

Box 1

File 1 Correspondence 1977-1983

- The Old Working Class - 1977
 Sketches (Oversize) #1 - #6
 "Old Working Class: They Settled - Built Homes"
 "Old Working Class [Barn]"
 "Old Working Class [Table]"
 "Old Working Class [Animals]"
 "Old Working Class [Vegetables]"
 "Old Working Class: The West Held the Promise of an Earthly Paradise"
- File 2 Photographs #6 - #19
- File 3 "Regina: My World" - 1978
 Articles of Agreement - 1979
 Correspondence 1978-80
 Insurance - 1979
 Photographs #20 - #24
 Sketch (oversize) #20
- File 4 Insurance - 1979, 1984-85
- New Working Class - 1980
 Sketches (oversize) #7-#11
 "New Working Class: The Secretaries"
 "New Working Class: The Bakers"
 "New Working Class: The Builders"
 "New Working Class: The Clerk"
 "New Working Class: The Waitress"
 Sculptures
 "New Working Class: The Clerk"
 Sculpture #7
 Photo #37
- "New Working Class: The Baker"
 Sculpture #8
 Photo #38
- "New Working Class: The Builders"
 Sculpture #9
 Photo #39
- "New Working Class: The Waitress"
 Sculpture #10
 Photo #40
- File 5 Photographs – 1981 (#25 – 27)
- File 6 Publication
 "The Continental Clay Collection," Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery - 1980
- Correspondence 1977 - 1983
 Sturdy Stone Artwork – 1980
- Pamphlet
- Work Authorization - 1980

Invoice - 1980-81

Payee Voucher - Oct.- Dec., 1981

Articles of Agreement - March, 1981

Insurance Policy

Proposal

Competition - 1980

Publication

A Quarterly Review of the Arts, Summer 1983,
Volume 2 #3

Publication

"Victor Cicansky Clay Sculpture", Norman MacKenzie
Art Gallery - 1983

Sculpture

"Self Portrait" [for cover of Arts Manitoba] -1983
Sculpture #11
Photo #41

"Armchair Garden" - 1983
Sculpture #12
Photo #42

"Garden Ruin" - 1984
Sculpture #13
Sketch (Oversize) #12
Photo #43

File 7 "The Garden Fence (& Constellations)" - 1984
Sketch (Oversize) #13 - 16
Sculptures #14 "detail of the Garden Fence"
Sculpture #15
Photographs – 1985 #28, 29, 44, 45

"Heritage Seeds" - 1985
Sketch (Oversize) #17

"Cabbages in a Windstorm" - 1985
Sculpture 16
Photo #46

File 8 "Saskatchewan" [Royal Visit Commissioned Gift] - 1989
Photograph 330
Newspaper Article
Sketch (Oversize) #18 and 19

File 9 "Self Portrait with Joe Fafard" - n.d.
Sculpture 17
Photo #47
Photograph: [shoes] #1 – 5

File 10 Photographs and Negatives #31 – 47

File 11 Slides

- 1 - Blue and Yellow Chair - 1965
- 2 - There's More Room on the Top - 1969
- 3 - Tribute to Magritte - 1969
- 4 - Study for a Self Portrait - 1969
- 5 - Botticelli Chair - 1969
- 6 - Stump Chair - 1970
- 7 - Size 8 for Magritte - 1970
- 8 - Mother Would Have Wanted it This Way - 1970
- 9 - Clodhopper - 1970
- 10 - Shoe Mug - 1970
- 11 - Size 8 with Green Leg - 1970
- 12 - There is No Place Like Home - 1970
- 13 - Fallen Arch - 1970
- 14 - Falling Arch - 1970
- 15 - Candy Dish - 1970
- 16 - Plate with Mouth - 1970
- 17 - Plate with Mouth – 1970
- 18 - A 18 - Step West of Athens - 1970
- 19 - Self Portrait - 1970
- 20 - Flat Foot - 1970
- 21 - Lump Cup - 1970
- 22 - Singing the Joys of Agrarian Society - 1972
- 23 - Singing about the Joys of Agrarian Society - 1972
- 24 - There are Still Plenty of Fine Folks Around - 1973
- 25 - Prairie Dulldrums - 1973
- 26 - Prairie Gamblers - North of the 49th - 1973
- 27 - Prairie Games and Lots More - 1973
- 28 - Moose Jaw Woman I (Detail) - 1974
- 29 - Moose Jaw Woman I - 1974
- 30 - Moose Jaw Woman II - 1974
- 31 - Moose Jaw Woman II (Detail) - 1974
- 32 - Sauerkraut Connection - 1978
- 33 - Sauerkraut Connection - 1978
- 34 - Regina: My World - 1978
- 35 - Regina: My World - 1978
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- 51 - Regina: My World (Installation) - 1978
- 52 - Regina: My World - 1978
- 53 - Regina: My World - 1978

- 54 - Regina: My World - 1978
- 55 - Regina: My World - 1978
- 56 - The Old Working Class I - 1978
- 57 - The Old Working Class I - 1978
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- 60 - The Old Working Class II - 1978
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- 72 - The Old Working Class V - 1978
- 73 - The Old Working Class V - 1978
- 74 - The Old Working Class V - 1978
- 75 - The New Working Class: Secretaries - 1981
- 76 - The New Working Class: Restaurant - 1981
- 77 - The New Working Class: Bakery - 1981
- 78 - The New Working Class: Supermarket - 1981
- 79 - The New Working Class: The Builders - 1981
- 80 - Winter Squash - 1982
- 81 - Prairie Carrot Patch - 1982
- 82 - Grandmother's Still - 1982
- 83 - The Potato Picker - 1982
- 84 - Garden Angel - 1982
- 85 - Armchair Garden with Vegetables - 1982
- 86 - Armchair Garden with Assorted Vegetables - 1983
- 87 - Self Portrait for Cover of Arts - 1983
- 88 - Garden Ruin - 1984
- 89 - Armchair Garden Series - Mostly Cabbage Chair #1 - 1984
- 90 - Armchair Garden with Cauliflower - 1984
- 91 - Armchair Garden with Sprouting Potatoes - 1984
- 92 - Armchair Garden with Corn - 1984
- 93 - Making Garden Fence - 1985
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- 104 - Making Garden Fence - 1985
- 105 - Garden Fence - 1985
- 106 - Garden Fence (Maquette) - 1985
- 107 - Garden Fence Plans - 1985
- 108 - Garden Fence: Layout in Studio - 1985
- 109 - Garden Fence - 1985
- 110 - Garden Fence - 1985

- 111 - Garden Wall - 1985
- 112 - Garden Wall (Detail) - 1985
- 113 - Heritage Seeds - 1985
- 114 - Garden Plate - 1985
- 115 - Mixed Vegetables - 1985
- 116 - Erotic Hybrids - 1985
- 117 - Armchair Tomato - 1986
- 118 - Truck Garden - 1987
- 119 - Untitled Study - 1988
- 120 - Red Pepper Column - 1988
- 121 - Saskatchewan - 1989