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Biographical Sketch

Tony Tascona was born in Saint Boniface, Manitoba on March 16, 1926. He is currently married to Doreen Millin. Their present residence is in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Education: In 1950 he attended the Winnipeg School of Art and received a Diploma in Art. At the University of Manitoba, School of Fine Arts from 1950 to 1952 he took Postgraduate Studies.

Occupation, life and activities: Tony is a well-known Canadian sculptor, print-maker and painter.

Tony has served as juror on several occasions on Canada Council/Parks Canada Sculpture Competition for the Forks in Winnipeg in 1987; Manitoba Arts Council in 1984; Canada Council Art for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba for 1983; Manitoba Arts Council 1979 to 1980; "Red River Exhibition", Moorhead State University in 1978 and Manitoba Government Services 1% Minister's Committee 1975 to 1979.

He has conducted lectures and workshops across western Canada and North Dakota. "Seeing It Our Way", a video/slide presentation was used as a CBC documentary in 1984. TV Ontario presented "Visions: a Definition of Space - Prairie Visual Artists: Dorothy Knowles, Don Proch and Tony Tascona" (a video/slide collection).

Various publications and articles have been published focussing on Tony and his art: Who's Who in American Art, R. R. Bowker, Reed Reference Publishing Co., 1995; Technology and Emancipatory Art: the Manitoba Vision by Arthur Kroker and Kenneth J. Hughes, Canadian Journal of Political and Social Theory, volume X, #1-2, 1986; "Winnipeg's Benevolent Godfather: an Interview with Tony Tascona" by Robert Enright, Arts Manitoba Magazine, Summer 1984; Visions: Definitions of Space, TV Ontario Publishers, 1983; A Culinary Palette by Joan Mackie, Merritt Publishing, 1981; Who's Who in Canada, University of Toronto Press, 1981; Passionate Spirits, a History of the Royal Academy of Arts, 1880-1980, Rebecca Sissler, Clarke Irwin Publishers; "Collections: a Faculty of Law" by Laird Ranklin, Arts West, volume 4, #3, 1979; Alumni Journal, University of Manitoba, 1978; "Tony Tascona and the Art of Technological Humanism" by Ken Hughes, Arts Manitoba Magazine, Winter 1978; "Tony Tascona", by Ken Coutts-Smith, Arts West, volume 3, #5, 1978; "tascona" by Yalta Goldberg, Arts West, October 1975; Canadian Artists in Exhibition, Roundstone Publishers, 1975; "Tony Tasconale Succes Interieur" by Virgil Hammock, Vie des Arts, Winter 1975; Who's Who in America, Jacques Cattell Press, 1973; "Life in Inner Space" by Kerek Hayter Sphere, #3, 1973; L'Artisan Craftsman, Sheila Stiven, editor, April 1972; The Italians in Canada, A. V. Spada, Riviera Publishers, 1969; "In the Studios" by Illi Maria Harff, Arts Canada, October/November 1968; Royal Architectural Catalogue, volume 1, 1967; "L'Art des Prairies" by Andree Paradus, Vie Des Arts Magazine, Autumn 1966; and "Canadian Art Today", Canadian Art, November/December 1965

Private, corporate and public collectors have collected Tony's art works in Canada, the United States and Japan

Scope and Content: 1 meter of textual records and other material. 1939 - 1994 with predominant dates of 1977 - 1994.

Exhibition of Works

One Man Shows

1992

"Sixteen Years of Printmaking", Centre Cultural Franco-Manitobain, Saint Boniface, Manitoba

"Tony Tascona - Encapsulating Rhythm", Riddell Hall Gallery, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1987

"Tony Tascona Shoe Sculpture", fundraiser for Saint Boniface Hospital Research Centre, Saint Boniface, Manitoba

1984

"The Dynamics of Tony Tascona", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba; travelling to Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan and Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia

1980

Robertson Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario

1979

Kesik Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan

1978

Damjkar Burton Gallery, Toronto, Ontario

1976

Windsor Public Art Gallery, Windsor, Ontario
Rodman Hall Art Gallery, Saint Catherines, Ontario
La Gallerie Internationale, Ribe, Denmark

1974

Art Gallery of Brantford, Ontario (travelling) "Winnipeg Centennial Show",
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1971

Upstairs Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Atlantic Art Circuit (Maritimes travelling)

1969

Griffith Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia

1967

Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1965

Yellow Door Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba Fathers of Confederation Art
Centre, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Blue Barn Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario

1964

La Galleries Soixante, Montreal, Quebec

1962

Calgary Allied Art Centre, Calgary, Alberta Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg,
Manitoba

1961

Brant Gallery, Brantford, Ontario

1960

Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1958

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Two Man/Small Group Shows

1992

"The Grand Western Canadian Screenshop Printing People

- and History", Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan (permanent collection)
- 1987
"The Self Portrait Exhibition 1987", Gallery 454, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1980
"Winnipeg Artists as Print-Makers", Harbourfront Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
"R.C.A. Centennial Exhibition - Manitoba Members", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1973
"Two nations - Six Artists", Moorhead State College, Moorhead, Minnesota and Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1972
"Manitoba Mainstream", National Gallery of Canada (travelling)
- 1971
"Four Man Show", Centennial Art Centre, Brandon, Manitoba
- 1967
"Four Man Show", Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
"Four Man Show", Little Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 1963
"Graphica" (three man travelling show in western Canada)
"Two Man Show", Montreal Museum of Fine Art, Montreal, Quebec
Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, Connecticut
- 1961
"Three Man Show", University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1959
"Three Man Show", Park Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 1958
"Two Man Show", Park Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- Large Group Shows
- 1995
"Fractured Spaces", Winnipeg Art Gallery celebrates 25th Anniversary of Manitoba Arts Council
"Modernism Triumphant Canadian Art of the 1960's", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
"Hidden Values Contemporary Canadian Art in Corporate Collections", Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1994
"Artists' Circle, Triangle Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 1988
"Winnipeg Works on Paper", the Art Gallery of Peterborough, Ontario
- 1987
"Contemporary Art in Manitoba", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1977
"Artists' Prints and Multiples", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1976
"Spectrum Exhibition", R.C.A., Montreal Olympics, Montreal, Quebec

- 1971
 "91st R.C.A. Show", Montreal, Quebec and Charlottetown,
 Prince Edward Island
- 1970
 "90th R.C.A. Show", National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa,
 Ontario
 "150 Years of Manitoba Painting", Winnipeg Art Gallery,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 University of Waterloo Art Auction", Waterloo, Ontario
- 1969
 "89th R.C.A. Show, Hamilton, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta
- 1968
 "Survey 68", Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Invitational,
 Montreal, Quebec
 "Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario
 "11th Biennial Winnipeg Show", Winnipeg Art Gallery,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 "Deck the Grange" Exhibition, Art Gallery of Ontario
- 1967
 "Habitat", Canadian Artists Exhibition, EXPO 67,
 Montreal, Quebec
 "Canadian Art of Our Time", Winnipeg Art Gallery,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 "7th Biennial Exhibition", National Gallery of Canada,
 Ottawa, Ontario
- 1966
 "86th R.C.A. Show", Hamilton, Ontario
 "94th Annual Exhibition", Ontario Art Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
 "17th Annual Winter Exhibition", Hamilton, Ontario
 "Seven Winnipeg Artists", University of Manitoba, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba
 "26th Western Ontario Exhibition", London, Ontario
 "Visua 66", Montreal Museum of Fine Art, Montreal, Quebec
 "Rodman Hall Invitational Exhibition", Saint Catherines, Ontario
 "Canadian Artists Invitational", Hamilton, Ontario
- 1965
 "National Gallery Biennial", Ottawa, Ontario
 "85th R.C.A. Show", Montreal, Quebec
 "93rd Annual Exhibition", Ontario Gallery of Art, Toronto,
 Ontario
 "Canadian Art Today Exhibition", Sobot Gallery, Toronto,
 Ontario and Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario
- 1964
 "London Arts Festival Invitational Exhibition", Ontario
 "Fathers of Confederation Invitational Exhibition",
 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- 1963
 "Tenth Annual Young Contemporaries Retrospective
 Exhibit", London, Ontario (travelling)
 "83rd R.C.A. Show", Toronto, Ontario and Saint John's,
 Newfoundland
 "L'Exposition des Concours Artistiques", Beaux Arts, Montreal
 and Province de Quebec Musee
- 1962
 "Graphic Group Show", 1640 Gallery, Montreal, Quebec
- 1960s

"Winnipeg Invitational Show, Winnipeg Art Gallery, 1960
 "Winnipeg Show", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
 1961, 1964 and 1968
 "14th Annual Exhibition and Sale of Contemporary
 Canadian Art", Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario
 "Vancouver Contemporary Sale", Vancouver Art Gallery,
 Vancouver, British Columbia
 "Montreal Museum of Fine Art Spring Exhibition",
 Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Quebec, 1960 and 1964
 "Montreal Contemporary Sale", Montreal Museum of Fine
 Art (invitational, numerous exhibits)
 "Albert College of Art Print Show", Edmonton, Alberta
 (several shows)
 "Aviva Chapter Hadassah Exhibition", Ottawa, Ontario (several
 shows)

1950s

"Montreal Museum of Fine Art Spring Exhibition",
 Montreal Museum of Fine Art, Montreal, Quebec, 1956 and 1957
 "Winnipeg Show", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba, 1957, 1958 and 1959
 "Progressive Painters of Western Canada", Winnipeg Art
 Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 "Western Canada Art Circuit", Lond Public Library,
 London, Ontario
 "1958 Minneapolis Walker Art Centre Biennial", Minnesota
 "Iowa State University Print Show"
 "Midwest Invitational Show", Grand Rapids, Michigan

Invitational/Travelling Exhibitions

1992

"Achieving the Modern Canadian Abstract Painting and
 Design in the 1950's", Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba (travelling to Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown,
 Prince Edward Island, Mendel Art Gallery Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,
 Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta and Art Gallery of Windsor,
 Windsor, Ontario)

1990-91

"Glenbow Museum Acquisitions Society's Eighth
 Annual ARTLOTTO", Calgary, Alberta

1984

"Manitoba Artists Overseas", Winnipeg Art Gallery,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba (travelling to Canada House in
 London, England, Paris, France and Brussels)

1980

"Norwegian International Print Biennale", Fredrikstad,
 Norway

1976

"The Grand Western Canadian Screen Shop", Paris, France

1975

"C.O.T.C. Telsat Competition", Montreal, Quebec
 "Three Prairie Painters", Damjkar Burton Gallery,
 Hamilton, Ontario
 "The First Decade 1964 - 75", Fathers of Confederation
 Arts Centre, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

1974

"Prairies Exhibition", Saidye Bronfman Gallery,

- Montreal, Quebec
 "9 and 10", Hamilton Art Gallery, Hamilton, Ontario
- 1967
 National Gallery Exhibition in Australia
 "Director's Choice", Confederation Art Centre and
 Museum, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- 1965
 "Four Winnipeg Painters", (travelling show sponsored by
 the Art Institute of Ontario)
 "Canadian Prints and Drawing", Cardiff Commonwealth Arts
 Festival, Wales
- Commissions
- 1994
 Fundraising print for Manitoba Hospice Foundation
- 1993
 Fundraising print for the Canadian Conference of the Arts
- 1992
 Fundraising print for 25th anniversary of University of
 Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1991
 Hanging stabiles for Physicians and Surgeons College, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba
- 1988
 Mural for lounge of Via Rail Park Car, Via Rail, Montreal, Quebec
 (national competition)
- 1987
 Fundraising print for Saint John's College Alumni, University of
 Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1986
 Hanging stabiles for Saint Boniface Hospital Medical Research
 Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Gift prints for Smith Carter Architects' 40th Anniversary,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1985
 Print for Hudson Bay Company's "Salute to Italy", Winnipeg,
 Manitoba
 Fundraising print for University of Winnipeg Collegiate Alumni,
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1984
 Hanging stabiles for Manitoba Law Courts Building (provincial
 competition)
- 1980
 Fundraising print for O.R.T., Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1978
 Fundraising print for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba
- 1977
 Sculpture for Winnipeg Centennial Library Garden, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1973
 Mural for Windsor Public Library, Windsor, Ontario (national competition)
- 1972
 Hanging stabiles for Freshwater Institute, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 (national competition)
- 1970
 Mural for Fletcher Argue Building, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg,
 Manitoba

- 1969
Mural for Y.W.C.A. Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1967
Murals for Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall, Winnipeg,
Manitoba (national competition)
- 1952
"Old St. Boniface", oil painting commissioned by Kiewels
Brewery, (currently housed in Saint Boniface Museum)

Awards

- 1994
Honourary Doctor of Laws, University of Winnipeg
- 1989
Primio D'Eccellenza Award, Italian Canadian League of Manitoba
- 1987
Certificate of Appreciation, Saint Boniface Hospital Research
Foundation
- 1983
Honourary Fellow, Saint John's College, University of Manitoba
- 1980
Gold Medal, Academia Italia Del Arti e Del Lavoro, Parma,
Italy
- 1977
Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal, Government of Canada
- 1976
Senior Arts Grant, Manitoba Arts Council
- 1972
Senior Arts Grant, Canada Council
- 1970
Arts Medal, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Ottawa
- 1967/69
Canada Council Project Grant

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- 1995
Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba Lifetime Membership
- 1992 – 1995
Member, Canadian Conference of the Arts
- 1990 – 92
Canadian Conference of the Arts, Visual Arts Representative
for Canada, Board of Directors
- 1990
Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan Lifetime
Membership
- 1989 – 90
VIS/ART Copyright Inc., Toronto, Ontario
- 1988
Art Gallery of Ontario, Lifetime Membership
- 1986
Steering Committee, Main Access Gallery, Artspace, Winnipeg,
Manitoba
- 1985
Winnipeg Art Gallery Search Committee for New Director,
Winnipeg Manitoba
- 1980 – 83

- 1979 – 81 Board of Directors, School of Architecture Endowment Fund,
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1978 – 81 Royal Canadian Academy of Art, Prairie Region
- 1975 – 78 Board of Governors, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1972 – 74 Art Advisory Board, Manitoba Department of Public Works
- 1968 – 80 Member, Canadian Conference of the Arts
- 1968 – 80 Founding Member of Canadian Artists Representation (CAR), a
national visual arts lobby group founded in Winnipeg,
Manitoba

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- Box 1 ART CARDS FROM OTHER ARTISTS
 Art Cards from Other Artists - 1987-89
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- GENERAL FILES
 "Art and Ethnicity: The Ukrainian Tradition in Canada" – 1991
 (includes 1 photograph)
 Athabasca University – 1991
 CCA (Canadian Conference of the Arts)
 1990-92
- RESTRICTED** Re: Grievance Against the National Director - 1991
 Fundraiser With Tascona Print - 1993
- CORRESPONDENCE, CARDS AND CLIPPINGS
 1963-87
 1989 (includes 2 photographs)
 1989 (includes 2 photographs)
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 George Swinton - 1990
 1991 (includes 1 photograph)
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- Box 3 1993
 1993
 1994
 Christmas Cards, Invitations and Sympathy Cards
 University of Winnipeg Honourary Doctorate - 1994, 95
- DOODLES
 n.d., 1993
- DRACHE COLLECTION
 Drache Collection, University of Manitoba - 1992-93
 (includes 12 photographs)
- EXHIBITIONS
 "Achieving the Modern", Winnipeg Art Gallery
 (includes 11 photographs and 1 cassette tape)
 Box 4 "Sixteen Years of Printmaking", Le Centre Culturel Franco-
 Manitobain - 1992
 "Sixteen Years of Print-making", Le Centre Cultural Franco –
 Manitobain, Guest Book - 1992
 Exhibitions, "Encapsulating Rhythms", University of Winnipeg –
 1992
 Exhibitions, "The Forks Sculpture Exhibition" - 1987
- PROJECTS, SALES
 Glenbow Museum Artlotto Project - 1990-93
 (includes 7 photographs)
 Manitoba Hospice Foundation - 1994

Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery - 1989-93
 Via Rail Commission
 1988-92 (includes 8 photographs)
 1988-92 (includes 13 photographs and 3 negatives)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 5 General - 1966-91
 The Great Print Shop
 Sports Photographs - 1939-45
 Winnipeg School of Art Photographs - 1948-51

SLIDES

 Tony Tascona's Stables and 908 Jessie Street Backyard - 1989.
 #1-18 Work by Tony Tascona

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

Box 6 Cheque Journal
 1977-80
 1980-81
 1980
 May Tascona - 1980
 1981
 1981
 1982
 1983
 1983
 1984
 1985
 1985
 1986
 May Tascona - 1972-78

SPECIAL ITEMS

Box 7 Via Rail Catalogue with signatures of artists and Vialogue
 (includes 2 oversize items)
 Cartoon By Tom Forrestall - 1990
 Cartoon Drawing of Tony by Winnipeg Free Press Cartoonist,
 Dale Cummings – 1988
 (includes 1 oversize item)
 T Shirt with art designed by Tony Tascona for Earth Day in Manitoba 1990
 (Artifact: green with gold and blue logo, blue and white
 earth as viewed from outer space)
 T Shirt with art designed by Tony Tascona for Jazz Winnipeg
 Festival, 1988 (Artifact: mauve with 1 and pink logo)
 T Shirt with art designed by Tony Tascona - Billie (Dean)
 Lobchuk: 4/40 (Artifact yellow with blue print)
 Wedding Invitation, "Union" By Tony Tascona - 1991
 Wedding Invitation, "Chimes" By Tony Tascona - 1993 (2 copies)
 Wedding Invitation, "Town Scope" By Winston Leathers - 1987
 Card With Painting by Kelly Clark - 1991
 Gift Print for Smith Carter Architects and Engineers
 Incorporated By Tony Tascona - 1986
 Gift Print for J. D. Culligan Memorial Symposium by

Tony Tascona - 1990
 1993 Winnipeg Art Gallery Calendar (1 oversize item)
 Colour Photographs of Tony Tascona's Studio, Series 1-4 - 1989
 Negatives, Sets 1 and 2 - 1989
 Negatives, Sets 3 and 4 - 1989
 Colour Photographs of Tony Tascona's Studio, Series 5-7 - 1989
 Negatives, Sets 5 and 6 - 1989
 Negatives, Sets 7 and Two Other Series - 1989
 Box 8 Black and White contact Sheets, and Negatives, Files 5-7
 Tony's Studio - 1989
 Original Illustration, "Life's Patterns" By Tony Tascona - 1993
 Article: "Early in the Morning" By Cynthia Flood. *The Canadian Forum* - 1993
 Catalogue for "The Grand Western Canadian Screen Shop" Exhibition - 1992
 Ecrits et Temoignages de 24 Peintres - 1994 Invitation, "An
 Evening with the Contemporary Dancers" By Bill Lobchuk -
 1981

AUDIO VISUAL TAPES

Cassette Tapes

Achieving the Modern Winnipeg Artist Panel - 1993

Tony Tascona

CBC National Arts Program 1984 - One Man Show

Musical Guest Dubbing - 1982

Unedited - Jackie Goode

Winnipeg Art Gallery - 16 minutes used in

Broadcast

Video Tapes

CCFM Retrospective of Printmaking Filmed by Chris Tascona - 1992

Tony's Party

Christmas 1991

"Daytime" CKY - TV, Winnipeg - 1992

Seeing It Our Way - 1984

Shoes Auction for S.B.G.H Research Foundation - 1987

Switchback - 1987