

ArtPrize Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	ArtPrize
Date [inclusive]	2009-2012
Extent	6.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>ArtPrize was founded in 2009 by Amway heir Rick DeVos. ArtPrize was started as a art competition without any selection committees or curators. In the first year of ArtPrize any site in the downtown area of Grand Rapids could be listed as a venue for the competition. Also, there was an open call to all artists to compete in the ArtPrize competition. The materials in this collection were collected and gathered by Grand Rapids Public Library staff. These materials include artist, venue and official ArtPrize publications. Also, staff gathered articles on the ArtPrize event for certain years and audio-visual materials, such as photographs, video, etc.</p>

History

ArtPrize was started in 2009. This art competition was the creation of Amway heir Rick DeVos.

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Since the inaugural year ArtPrize has grown in size and stature. From 2009-2012 over 4,557 artists have participated in ArtPrize. 515 venues in Grand Rapids have shown the works of these artists. Over \$1,428,000.00 has been awarded to the winning artists for their work. 122,748 people have voted in all three years of this activity. Finally, it has been estimated that over 1 million visitors have come to Grand Rapids to view for themselves the art that is on display.

Scope and Contents note

The main series for the ArtPrize collection are broken down by year. Each sub-series for this collection is then broken down by type of material. Artists materials consist mainly of promotional material that was handed out by each artist that participated in ArtPrize. These range from 8 x 4 cards to individual business cards. These items are all arranged alphabetically by the last name of the artist.

Each year also has a sub-series for venues. Each venue had promotional materials for the artists they hosted. Again, these materials are arranged alphabetically by the name of the participating venue.

In some of the series there are sub-series for official publications of the ArtPrize event. These materials were gathered by Grand Rapids Public Library staff. These materials range from volunteer guides to ArtPrize promotional materials, such as the official posters for ArtPrize.

It is expected that this collection will grow in the future. Each new ArtPrize year will have materials that are collected and arranged by year, then artists, venues, official ArtPrize publications. New sub-series will be added if needed in the future.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Kent County (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Art -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Artists -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Collection Inventory

Series I. 2009		
Subseries A Artists. 2009		
	Box	Folder
Artists A	1	1
Artists B	1	2
Artists C	1	3
Artists D	1	4
Artists F	1	5
Artists G	1	6
Artists H	1	7
Artists I	1	8
Artists J	1	9

Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2009

Artists K	1	10
Artists L	1	11
Artists M	1	12
Artists N	1	13
Artists O	1	14
Artists P	1	15
Artists R	1	16
Artists S	1	17
Artists T	1	18
Artists U	1	19
Artists V	1	20
Artists W	1	21
Subseries B Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2009		Box 2
Subseries C Venues. 2009		

Articles. 2009

	Box	Folder
Venues A	1	22
Venues B	1	23
Venues I	1	24
Venues K	1	25
Venues L	1	26
Venues M	1	27
Venues R	1	28
Venues S	1	29
Venues U	1	30
Venues V	1	31
Venues W	1	32
Subseries D Articles. 2009		
	Box	Folder
Articles April - July 2009	3	1

Official ArtPrize Publications. 2009

Articles August 2009	3	2
Articles September 1st - 23rd 2009	3	3
Articles September 24th - 30th 2009	3	4
Articles October 2009	3	5
Subseries E Official ArtPrize Publications. 2009		
	Box	Folder
ArtPrize Registration Site Guidelines	3	6
Official Merchandise Guide	3	7
ArtPrize Promotional Card	3	8
Walk and Talk Art Guide	3	9
Week 2 Voting Instructions	3	10
Your Guide to Navigating ArtPrize	3	11
Subseries F Artists and Venues Posters. 2009		
Posters H		

Ephemera. 2009

Subseries G Ephemera. 2009		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Symphony	3	12
Series II. 2010		
Subseries A Artists. 2010		
	Box	Folder
Artists A	4	1
Artists B	4	2
Artists C	4	3
Artists D	4	4
Artists E	4	5
Artists F	4	6
Artists G	4	7
Artists H	4	8

Artists Business Cards A-Z. 2010

Artists J	4	9
Artists K	4	10
Artists L	4	11
Artists M	4	12
Artists N	4	13
Artists O	4	14
Artists P	4	15
Artists R	4	16
Artists S	4	17
Artists T	4	18
Artists V	4	19
Artists W	4	20
Artists Z	4	21
Subseries B Artists Business Cards A-Z. 2010		Box 2

Venues. 2010

Subseries C Venues. 2010		
	Box	Folder
Venues A	4	22
Venues B	4	23
Venues C	4	24
Venues F	4	25
Venues G	4	26
Venues H	4	27
Venues K	4	28
Venues M	4	29
Venues P	4	30
Venues U	4	31
Venues Y	4	32
Subseries D Articles. 2010		
	Box	Folder

Official ArtPrize Publications. 2010

Articles January 2010	4	33
Articles October 2010	4	34
Subseries E Official ArtPrize Publications. 2010		
	Box	Folder
Ask Me Volunteer Guide	4	35
Guide	4	36
Series III. 2011		
Subseries A Artists. 2011		
	Box	Folder
Artists A	5	1
Artists B	5	2
Artists C	5	3
Artists D	5	4
Artists F	5	5

Artists. 2011

Artists G	5	6
Artists H	5	7
Artists I	5	8
Artists J	5	9
Artists K	5	10
Artists L	5	11
Artists M	5	12
Artists N	5	13
Artists O	5	14
Artists P	5	15
Artists R	5	16
Artists S	5	17
Artists T	5	18
Artists V	5	19

Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2011

Artists W	5	20
Artists Y	5	21
Artists Z	5	22
Subseries B Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2011		Box 6
Subseries C Venues. 2011		
	Box	Folder
Venues A	5	23
Venues B	5	24
Venues C	5	25
Venues E	5	26
Venues F	5	27
Venues G	5	28
Venues L	5	29
Venues M	5	30

Official ArtPrize Publications. 2011

Venues P	5	31
Venues R	5	32
Venues S	5	33
Venues U	5	34
Venues W	5	35
Subseries D Official ArtPrize Publications. 2011		
	Box	Folder
Guide	7	1
		Drawer
Official 2011 ArtPrize Poster		FF VIII E
	Box	Folder
Thank You Card	7	2
Venue Map	7	3
Ask Me Volunteer Booklet	7	4
Subseries E Artists and Venues Posters. 2011		
	Box	Folder

Ephemera. 2011

Posters G	9	2
		Box
Posters M		9
Posters N		
Subseries F Ephemera. 2011	Box	Folder
	7	5
Subseries G Video and Photos. 2011	Box	Folder
	7	6
Series IV. 2012		
Subseries A Artists. 2012		
	Box	Folder
Artists A	8	1
Artists B	8	2
Artists C	8	3
Artists D	8	4
Artists E	8	5
Artists F	8	6

Artists. 2012

Artists G	8	7
Artists H	8	8
Artists I	8	9
Artists J	8	10
Artists K	8	11
Artists L	8	12
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Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2012

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Artists Y	8	22
Subseries B Artists Business Cards A - Z. 2012		Box 6
Subseries C Venues. 2012		
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Venues A	8	23
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Official ArtPrize Publications. 2012

Subseries D Official ArtPrize Publications. 2012**Box**

2012 ArtPrize Event Guide

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Subseries E Ephemera. 2012**Box****Folder**

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