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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	On the Town photographs
ID:	collection 520
Date [inclusive]:	1982-1999
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	On the Town is a free publication highlighting arts and entertainment in the Greater Grand Rapids area. It began in 1982 as Downtown magazine, changed its name in 1984 to On the Town, and is now part of the MLive Media Group. Donated by Joanne N. Bailey, former editor of On the Town magazine, this collection of negatives and contact sheets were produced in the 1980s for On the Town.

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Biographical / Historical

On the Town magazine began as Downtown in 1982, a free publication covering Greater Grand Rapids arts and entertainment, published by Roger W. Bruinekool, who founded Downtown Publishing, Inc. The first issue was published in September of that year and edited by Julie Christianson. In March of 1984 the magazine changed its name to On the Town to more accurately reflect the wider area it covered. It is now part of the MLive Media Group.

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Scope and Contents

This collection of images consists of negatives and contact sheets. With little exception they were taken in the 1980s, are black and white, and they are mostly identified. The images include restaurants, shopping centers, musical groups, artists, museums and other cultural

institutions. They would be of interest to anyone researching the arts and entertainment scene in Grand Rapids during the 1980s.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Joanne N. Bailey. Accession 2008.085.

Processing Information

This collection was formally part of the Grand Rapids Public Library newspapers collection 259. It was removed in August of 2023 and processed as its own collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Newspapers.
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- photographs

Collection Inventory

Series I: Grand Rapids area malls

Title/Description	Instances	
Woodland Mall	Box 1	Folder 1
Grand Village Mall	Box 1	Folder 1
Town & Country Mall	Box 1	Folder 1
Monroe Mall	Box 1	Folder 1

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Series II: Grand Rapids area music

Title/Description	Instances	
Patti Richards, jazz singer	Box 1	Folder 2
John Shea Trio: Paul Keller, John Shea and Pete Siers	Box 1	Folder 2
Anton Armstrong, Grand Rapids Symphony Choir conductor	Box 1	Folder 2
Rambler All-Stars	Box 1	Folder 2
Semyon Bychkov with Wally Knack, Grand Rapids Symphony Board President	Box 1	Folder 2
Del Shannon	Box 1	Folder 3
Bill Vits of the Grand Rapids Symphony gets a haircut	Box 1	Folder 3
Bruce Early, Dave Spring and Jon Montgomery	Box 1	Folder 3
"Turning Point", band	Box 1	Folder 3
Dancing Under the Stars	Box 1	Folder 3
Music and Mingle	Box 1	Folder 3
Opera Grand Rapids	Box 1	Folder 3

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Series III: Grand Rapids restaurants

Title/Description	Instances	
Charley's Crab	Box 1	Folder 4
East Town Deli		

	Box 1	Folder 4
Kit Kat Grill	Box 1	Folder 4
Petite Sandwich	Box 1	Folder 4
Elite Cafe	Box 1	Folder 4
Choo Choo Grill	Box 1	Folder 4
Cygnus Restaurant	Box 1	Folder 4
Afternoon Delight	Box 1	Folder 4
Back Alley Cafe	Box 1	Folder 4
Grootmoeder's Tafel	Box 1	Folder 5
A Bit of Europe	Box 1	Folder 5
Sally's Pantry	Box 1	Folder 5
Thornapple Village Inn	Box 1	Folder 5

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Series IV: Cultural institutions

Title/Description	Instances	
The American Horse unveiling at Frederick Meijer Gardens, Caitlin Kleiboer on reverse, 1999	Box 1	Folder 6
John Ball Zoo	Box 1	Folder 6
Gerald R. Ford Museum	Box 1	Folder 6
Grand Rapids Public Museum	Box 1	Folder 7
UICA	Box 1	Folder 7
The Keeler Grand Foyer at DeVos Hall	Box 1	Folder 7

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Series V: Grand Rapids theater

Title/Description	Instances	
Jean Reed Bahle	Box 1	Folder 8
Dale Hull	Box 1	Folder 8
Civic Theater rehearsal, Kirk Swenk piano	Box 1	Folder 8
Civic Theater production, Jane Page lead	Box 1	Folder 8
Bob Moyer and his puppet company	Box 1	Folder 8

Annie and Daddy Warbucks	Box 1	Folder 8
Studio 28 expansion	Box 1	Folder 8
Circle Theater	Box 1	Folder 8

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Series VI: Grand Rapids arts

Title/Description	Instances	
Robert Morris X sculpture	Box 1	Folder 4
City Gallery	Box 2	Folder 1
Doing Art Together, 1984	Box 2	Folder 1
Esther Luttikhuizen	Box 2	Folder 1
Festival '84, 1984	Box 2	Folder 1
Ray Weidenaar with Barr, Mary Barr and original owner of Hefner Galleries	Box 2	Folder 1
Sam Pope and his work at UICA's Race St. Gallery	Box 2	Folder 1
Charles Schoenknecht opening at Grand Rapids Art Museum	Box 2	Folder 1
Joe Kinnebrew, sculpture	Box 2	Folder 1
Nathan Horowitz, sculpture	Box 2	Folder 1
Artwork by Mason Bolt at Race St. Gallery with Sharon Hall Ernst Wierenga	Box 2	Folder 2
Forslund condo just after opening, people from left: John Stivers, Julie Stivers, Bob Madura, Melissa Madura, Stella Royce, and Chuck Royce	Box 2	Folder 2
Dennis Komac, former Grand Rapids Art Museum Director	Box 2	Folder 2
Madeline Kaczmarczyk, artist	Box 2	Folder 2
Sculptor, Lee, manufacturing work for the side parking lot at Pearl and Ottawa	Box 2	Folder 2
The Morning Calm	Box 2	Folder 2
Russ Henckel, potter	Box 2	Folder 2

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Series VII: Real Fashion for Real People

Title/Description	Instances	
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Julie Woods, U.S. Attorney's Office	Box 2	Folder 3
Eugenia Marve	Box 2	Folder 3
Paula Wilkerson, Grand Rapids Art Museum	Box 2	Folder 3
Nathaniel and Maya Madura	Box 2	Folder 3
Ed Clifford and Leslie Van Becker, Grand Rapids Symphony	Box 2	Folder 4
Robin Spring, WGVU Studios	Box 2	Folder 4
Helga and Dean Toriello	Box 2	Folder 4

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Series VIII: Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Julie Stivers, editor	Box 1	Folder 4
Monroe and Fulton, Northeast corner, eventually The B.O.B.	Box 2	Folder 5
Bishop Furniture building renovation	Box 2	Folder 5
Evan Mirageas, WUOM, 1983	Box 2	Folder 5
turkeys, 1983	Box 2	Folder 5
urban fishing, downtown Grand Rapids	Box 2	Folder 5
On the Town cover shoot at Houseman Field: Dirk Koning, Molly Beedon, Cherie Goodwin, Martha Preston, and Patrick McLaughlin	Box 2	Folder 5
from left: Julie Stivers, Melissa Madura, Tim Goodwin, Noraless Potts, Diane Cisler, Lynn Moyer, 1984	Box 2	Folder 5
Central Michigan Paper Company	Box 2	Folder 5
Polish Heritage Festival	Box 2	Folder 5
aerial view of Grand Rapids	Box 2	Folder 5
Reeds Lake run	Box 2	Folder 6
story time at an unidentified Grand Rapids Public Library location, 1984	Box 2	Folder 6
Aquinas and Kendall	Box 2	Folder 6
hang gliding	Box 2	Folder 6
Creation Station, 1984	Box 2	Folder 6
Pat Kelly and Joanne, Fashion Passion writers	Box 2	Folder 6
Mary Hamilton, story telling	Box 2	Folder 6
belly dancing		

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	Box 2	Folder 6
WDOG	Box 2	Folder 6
Unique Boutique	Box 2	Folder 6
My Place	Box 2	Folder 6

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Series VIV: Unidentified

Title/Description	Instances	
piano recital, two and three dimensional art, and children's events	Box 2	Folder 7

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