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Art Institute of Boston, Publications

1918-2013

By Marie Wasnock

Collection Overview

Title: Art Institute of Boston, Publications, 1918-2013

ID: 05/02

Creator: Art Institute of Boston (1912 -)

Extent: 22 Boxes

Arrangement: Arranged by series. Each series is in chronological order.

Languages: English

Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection comprises publications produced by the Art Institute of Boston (formerly the School of Practical Art.) Publications include:

- Course catalogs from the School of Practical Art (SPA), 1918-1967
- Course catalogs from the Art Institute of Boston (AIB), 1968-2013
- Marketing materials (brochures, viewbooks) promoting SPA and AIB student admissions and academic programs
- Articles about AIB from newspapers and magazines
- Promotional materials (posters, catalogs, postcards) advertising student, faculty, alumni, and visiting artists, as well as special events and exhibits at AIB.
- Student newspapers, newsletters, literary journals, and zines
- Student yearbooks
- Other miscellaneous print media created and distributed by the School of Practical Art, Art Institute of Boston, and the Lesley University College of Art and Design.

Historical Note

The Art Institute of Boston was founded by Roy Davidson in 1912 as the School of Practical Art and was one of the first private, nonaffiliated studio schools in the United States. A pioneer in the field of commercial art education, Davidson sought an alternative to the traditional art training of his day, which was the apprenticeship system with long years of menial, repetitive labor. To keep pace with the growing needs of industry, the School of Practical Art developed a program that would allow young people to complete their art training in a reasonable length of time and enter fields equipped for successful contribution on a professional level. Davidson was influenced by art critic John Ruskin, in particular his notion that it is “in art that the heart, the head, and the hand of a man come together.” AIB's early philosophy was based on Davidson's own belief that "beauty comes from the use." The school opened in Davidson's own studio, three small rooms in Boston's Back Bay. As the institution prospered and attracted the attention of the art community, the curriculum expanded to include a wide range of artistic exploration and discipline. The school soon outgrew its first location and moved to progressively larger facilities. (See below for a full listing of addresses and directors.)

Through the mid-twentieth century the school increasingly embraced the fine arts and developed a growing liberal arts curriculum. In 1967 the school was renamed the Art Institute of Boston (AIB), establishing itself as a non-profit institution of higher education and preparing for future expansion and development. The name change also acknowledged the school's increased focus upon fine art as well as design, illustration, and photography. In 1970 AIB moved to Kenmore Square into a building with 40,000 square feet of studio and workshop space, including a library, gallery, lecture rooms, and administrative offices. In 1972 AIB joined with Northeastern University to create an exchange program, giving AIB students the option of earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Art, Photography, or Fine Art.

In 1998, AIB merged with then Lesley College, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts and founded in 1909. In Autumn 2013, the University officially changed the name of the Art Institute of Boston to the Lesley University College of Art and Design (LUCAD).

LUCAD is governed by the Lesley University Board of Trustees and the larger University administration. The school and University are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Directors:

Roy Davidson served as Director from 1912 to 1940. When Davidson died, he was succeeded by Harold Pollock who served as director from 1941 to 1945, until he became president, a post he held from 1945 to 1962. During this time Alan Furber served as for one year from 1944 to 1945 as president. Pollock was followed by William Willis, who was President from 1962 to 1990. Stan Trecker became president in 1991 and served until 1998. After serving as president of Montserrat College in Beverly, Mass., Trecker returned to Lesley as the art school's dean.

Locations:

711 Boylston Street (1918-1924)

797 Boylston Street (1925-1926)

857 Boylston Street (1927-1931)
883 Boylston Street (1932-1940)
10 Newbury Street (1941-1951)
665 Atlantic Avenue (1952-1960)
683 Atlantic Avenue (1953-1955)
718 Beacon Street (1960-1969)
700 Beacon Street (1970-2014)
Massachusetts Avenue, Porter Square (2014-present)

Administrative Information

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Box and Folder Listing

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Series .004 - News articles and press, 1938-2007

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Folder 2: American Photographer magazine, March 1982

Folder 3: "Going to Art School," Campus Calendar, p. 10-11, Dec 1986

Author: Kelly Barette [sic]. (Alt. name: Kelly Barrette)

Folder 4: "The Art Institute of Boston," Photographer's Forum, Nov 1986

Author: Kelly Barrette

Folder 5: "AIB in the News," Part 1, 1990

News articles compiled by AIB.

Folder 6: "AIB in the News," Part 2 (1 of 2), 1993

News articles compiled by AIB.

Folder 7: "AIB in the News," Part 2 (2 of 2), 1993

News articles compiled by AIB.

Folder 8: "AIB in the News," Part 3, 1994

News articles compiled by AIB.

Folder 9: "AIB in the News," Part 4, 1995

News articles compiled by AIB.

Folder 10: "Art Institute of Boston to merge, become 5th school within Lesley," Boston Globe, Oct 1998

Also: CMYK magazine, Winter 1998, p. 28-29, featuring artwork by student Greg Lyperidis.

Folder 11: "Capturing Beauty Through Obscurity," South End News, (feat. Michael David), 18 Nov 1999

Also: "Art Schools find different ways to weave in other classes," Boston Globe, 10 Jan 1999.

Folder 12: "Foodie Fight (Photo)," Boston Globe, Living Arts, 19 Apr 2000

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Box 2: SPA/AIB Yearbooks, 1971-1972, 1995

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