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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Born in Cienfuegos, Cuba in 1956, avant-garde artist Leandro Soto has participated in more than 200 exhibitions and performances at both national and international levels. Majoring in painting and minoring in graphics, he received his degree in Fine Arts from the National School of Art in Havana. In 1982 he obtained a teaching certificate at the Graduate Art Institute at the University of Havana. Soto formed part of the "Volumen Uno" art movement in Havana in 1981 and was the first performance-installation artist in Cuba. Along with artists such as José Bedia and Carlos Cárdenas, he is considered part of Cuba's "1980 generation" of artists. In 1988 he moved to Mexico, where he established the interdisciplinary art school El Tesoro de Tamulté for indigenous children of the Maya-Chontal community.

Throughout his artistic career, he has demonstrated an interest in religion, ritual, and the mythology of indigenous people. Along with his installations and performance art, Soto has designed sets and costumes for theater productions.

From Mexico, Soto went into exile in the United States, teaching at various universities and advising theater groups. He is well known as part of the interdisciplinary and multicultural Latino art movement. Currently, he is a Senior Lecturer and Artist in Residence at Arizona State University, West Campus, in the Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance Department.

Scope and content

The Leandro Soto Papers consist primarily of original drawings of set and costume designs, audiovisual materials, posters, and photographs of productions and exhibitions documenting the work of visual and performance artist Leandro Soto. While the collection also includes correspondence, clippings, press releases, manuscripts, and theater and exhibitions programs, the bulk of materials relate to Soto's artistic production in the United States since 1992.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Leandro Soto, 2008

Arrangement

The Leandro Soto Papers are organized into two series. Please see the Finding Aid/Inventory section of this guide for more detailed information.

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Access points

- Soto, Leandro, 1956- (subject)
- Costume design -- Drawings (subject)
- Cuban American artists (subject)
- Installations (Art) -- United States -- Exhibitions (subject)
- Performance art -- United States (subject)
- Santeria in art (subject)
- Set designers (subject)
- Theaters -- Stage-setting and scenery -- Drawings (subject)

Series descriptions

Series id138640: Personal Papers

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id138645	File - Volumen 1,	1981, 1989		1 4
id138646	File - Correspondence	1992-2006		1 5
id138647	File -			5
id138648	File - Photographs	1988-1995		5 1
id138649	File - Photographs	1988-1995		5 2
id138650	File - Photographs	1988-1995		5 3
id138651	File - Photographs	1988-1995		5 4

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id138665	File - All Over Again: Recasting Afro-Cuban Archetypes	1999		1 10
id138666	File - Ancestros	undated		1 11
id138668	File - Art Baba 2001: Tribute to Babalu Aye	2001		1 12
id138671	File - Artistas Cubanos al Auxilio	2006		1 13
id138672	File - Artworks of Leandro Soto	2004		1 14
id138673	File - Así es como es	1986		1 15
id138660	File -			5
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id138689	File - Café III: the Journeys of Cuban Artists: Video Recording (DVD)	2003	GT19A2 DVD1
id138697	File - Curanderismo: Folk Healing in the Southwest (CD)	2006	GT19A2 CD1
id138701	File - Diaspora: Video Recording (VHS)	2003	GT19A2 VID3
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id138716	File - Video Recording (2 DVDs)	2006	GT19A2 DVD3
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id138730	File - How Far can We Go?: Video Recording (DVDs)	2006	GT19A2 DVD5
id138735	File - KachIreme: Video Recording (DVD)	[2007]	GT19A2 DVD6
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id138690	File - Café V: the Journey of Cuban Artists	2005	2 8
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id138749	File - Mapping Arizona	2004	3 9
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id138774	File - Rostros de lo femenino	2007	3 26
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id138805	File - Los Fantasma de Tulemón	1999	4 6
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id138843	File - Santa Camila de La Habana Vieja: Set & Costume Design	1995	8 7
id138847	File - Costume Design	1996	8 8
id138852	File - La Vieja dama muestra sus medallas: Set & Costume Design	1982	8 9