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Finding Aid - Rattler fonds (MsC-251)

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Summary information

Repository: Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books

Title: Rattler fonds

Reference code: MsC-251

Date: 1980-1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 16.5 cm of textual records

3 t-shirts

Language: English

Dates of creation, February 2023: arrangement and description completed (Alexandra

revision and deletion: Wieland).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Rattler was an experimental multimedia and poetry zine published between 1982 and 1987 in Hollywood, California. Heather Haley was the editor and publisher for all four issues, along with Peter Haskell, who is listed as associate editor for the first issue, and co-editor for the second and fourth issue. Haley stated that she wanted to produce a zine with presence and style, something that would make poetry accessible and readable.

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Heather Haley prior to their acquisition by Special Collections and Rare Books in 2019.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials related to the production and publication of the multimedia and literary arts zine called Rattler, including correspondence, photographs, publicity, drafts and original layouts, artwork, related posters and zine publications, poetry submissions, and copies of the published zines. Fonds also includes t-shirts that were produced to promote the zine, and one file of original layouts created by Heather Haley for the poetry section of LA Weekly.

The archivist has arranged the fonds into two series:

General operational records (series 1)

Publications (series 2)

Notes

Title notes

• Source of title proper: Fonds title based on the name of the records creator

Arrangement

The archivist arranged the fonds in two series: (1) General operational records and (2) Publications. The original order of items in each file has been retained.

Restrictions on access

Materials are open with no restrictions

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

• **Publication status**: published

Access points

- Haley, Heather (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

Series descriptions

Series MsC-251-1: General operational files

<u>Date</u>: [198-]-1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of operational files reflecting the editing and publishing of Rattler magazine. Records reflect the production process, promotion of the zine, and the reception of Rattler in the local press. Includes correspondence, notes, clippings, posters, other poetry zines, ephemera, and silk-screened t-shirts.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

3 t-shirts

Access points:

• Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list						
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container		
MsC-251-1-0-0-0-1	File - LA [Los Angeles] Weekly poetry	1983-1986		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-0-2	File - Poetry mags	1981-1991		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-0-3	File - Correspondence	1983-1989		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-0-4	File - Rattler press coverage	1982-1987		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-5	File - Press release/events	[198-]-1987		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-6	File - Misc notes, lists, etc.	[198-]		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-7	File - Artwork	[198-]		MsC-251 Box 1		
MsC-251-1-0-0-8	File - Three t-shirts	[198-]		MsC-251 Box 2		

Series MsC-251-2: Publications

Date: 1982-1987 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of copies of the published version of the Rattler zine.

Physical description: 4.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list						
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container		
MsC-251-2-0-0-0-1	File - The Rattler	May 1982		MsC-251 Box 1		

MsC-251-2-0-0-2	File - The Rattler	May 1983	MsC-251 Box 2.
MsC-251-2-0-0-0-3	File - The Rattler #3	[1984]	MsC-251 Box 2
MsC-251-2-0-0-0-4	File - Rattler #4	1987	MsC-251 Box 2