

# **Chicago Ethnic Arts Project collection**

**AFC 1981/004**

**Guides to the Collections in the Archive of Folk Culture**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Chicago Ethnic Arts Project collection

**Inclusive Dates:** 1976-1981

**Call No.:** AFC 1981/004

**Creator:** Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress), collector.

**Creator:** Illinois Arts Council, sponsor.

**Extent:** 20.75 linear ft.

**Extent (manuscripts):** 269 folders.

**Extent (sound recordings):** 99 sound tape reels : analog, 7 1/2 ips, mono. and stereo. ; 7 in.

**Extent (sound recordings):** 245 sound cassettes : analog.

**Extent (graphic materials):** 3757 slides : color ; 35 mm.

**Extent (graphic materials):** 10,182 photographs : film negatives, black and white ; 35 mm.

**Extent (graphic materials):** 202 photographs : film negatives, black and white ; 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 in.

**Extent (moving images):** 2 videocassettes (U-Matic) : sound, color ; 3/4 in.

**Language:** In English, Italian, Korean, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

**Location:** Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress , Washington, D.C. <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.home>

**Summary:** The collection consists of sound recordings, photographs, manuscript materials, videorecordings, publications, ephemera, administrative files, and field notes produced and collected during the 1977 Chicago Ethnic Arts Project field survey from 1976-1981; but primarily during fieldwork conducted by fourteen folklorists directed by the American Folklife Center in 1977. The final project report presented to the Illinois Arts Council summarized the current conditions and folk arts needs in a number of Chicago's ethnic communities. Materials from post-project activities such as workshops in the ethnic communities and a traveling photographic exhibit by Jonas Dovydenas are also included.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Bartis, Peter, 1949- recordist.

Bradunas, Elena, recordist.

Choi, Chungmoo, recordist.

Dovydenas, Jonas, photographer.

Dovydenas, Jonas. Inside our houses, outside our windows.

Epstein, Shifra, 1943- recordist.

Fiske-Rusciano, Roberta, recordist.

Fleischhauer, Carl, photographer.

George, Philip B., 1946- recordist.

González, José Gamaliel, 1933- photographer.

Hellenberg, Antony, 1938-2000, recordist.

Kalčík, Susan J., recordist.

Klymasz, Robert Bogdan, 1936- recordist.

Klymasz, Shirley, photographer.

Lund, Jens, 1946- recordist.

March, Richard, 1946- recordist.

Mathias, Elizabeth, recordist.

Metcalfe, Ralph H., 1948- recordist.

Moloney, Mick, 1944- recordist.

Robinson, Beverly J., recordist.

Swenson, Greta E., recordist.

Trbuhovic-Grasa, Gordana, photographer.

### Organizations

American Folklife Center, sponsor.  
American Folklife Center. Report on the Chicago Ethnic Arts Project.  
Archive of Folk Culture (Library of Congress), collector.  
Chicago Ethnic Arts Project.  
Illinois Arts Council, sponsor.

### **Subjects**

African Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Austrian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Chinese Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Community life--Illinois--Chicago.  
Croatian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Cuban Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Czech Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Dance, Black--Illinois--Chicago.  
Dance--Illinois--Chicago.  
Danish Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Ethnic arts--Illinois--Chicago.  
Field recordings--Illinois--Chicago.  
Finnish Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Folk dancing--Illinois--Chicago.  
Folk music--Illinois--Chicago.  
Folklore--Illinois--Chicago.  
German Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Greek Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Hispanic Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Indians of North America--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Irish Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Italian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Japanese Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Jews--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Korean Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Lithuanian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Macedonian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Music--Illinois--Chicago.  
Norwegian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Polish Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Puerto Ricans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Serbian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Slovak Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Slovenian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Swedish Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.  
Ukrainian Americans--Illinois--Chicago--Social life and customs.

### **Places**

Chicago (Ill.)--Emmigration and immigration--Social aspects.  
Chicago (Ill.)--Religious life and customs.  
Chicago (Ill.)--Social life and customs.

### **Form/Genre**

Ethnography.  
Field recordings.  
Interviews.  
Manuscripts.  
Oral histories.

Photographs.  
Slides.  
Sound recordings.  
Traveling exhibitions.  
Videocassettes.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Arrangement**

Organized by format into the following series: I. Manuscripts; II. Sound Recordings; III. Graphic Images; IV. Moving Images.

### **Acquisition**

Accessioned; 1981.

### **Processing History**

The collection was processed and a detailed inventory was created by Lucy M. Long in 1981.

### **Copyright Status**

Duplication of the collection materials may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

### **Access and Restrictions**

Collection is open for research. Access may be restricted; some or all content is stored offsite. To request materials, please contact the Folklife Reading Room at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.contact>

### **Preferred Citation**

Chicago Ethnic Arts Project collection (AFC 1981/004) Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Biographical Note**

The Chicago Ethnic Arts Project survey was conducted in 1977 by the American Folklife Center at the request of the Illinois Arts Council to assess and document the status of ethnic art traditions in more than twenty ethnic communities in Chicago, and jointly sponsored by both organizations.

## **Scope and Content**

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## Description of Series

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#### Series I: Administrative

Series contains materials relevant to the planning and carrying out of the project. See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

#### Series II: Collected Publications and Ephemera

Series contains materials such as books, brochures, articles, phonograph records, and maps, acquired before and during the project that contain information about Chicago and ethnic groups. See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

#### Series III: Documentation

Series contains notes, photographs, and sound recordings that were created during fieldwork to document ethnic arts in Chicago. See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

#### Series IV: Final Products and Reports

Series contains summaries and reports of the project. See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

#### Series V: Workshop

Series contains materials relating to the administration and activities of the community workshops. See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

#### Series VI: Photographic Exhibit

Series contains materials relating to the planning, administration, and design of the exhibit, "Inside Our Homes, Outside Our Windows." See [PDF](#) copy of detailed inventory.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	<b>Series I: Administrative</b> Series contains materials relevant to the planning and carrying out of the project. See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 1/1</b>	Finding Aid
<b>BOX-FOLDER 1/1-3/58</b>	Planning - Post Project Materials
	<b>Series II: Collected Publications and Ephemera</b> Series contains materials such as books, brochures, articles, phonograph records, and maps, acquired before and during the project that contain information about Chicago and ethnic groups. See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 3/59-7/108</b>	Illinois Arts Council - Actual Project Expenses
	<b>Series III: Documentation</b> Series contains notes, photographs, and sound recordings that were created during fieldwork to document ethnic arts in Chicago. See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 7/109-11/195</b>	Peter Bartis - Other
	<b>Series IV: Final Products and Reports</b> Series contains summaries and reports of the project. See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 12/196-13/234</b>	Bartis - Other
	<b>Series V: Workshop</b> Series contains materials relating to the administration and activities of the community workshops. See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 14/235-14/254</b>	Proposals to Workshops to Illinois Council - Yugoslavian
	<b>Series VI: Photographic Exhibit</b> Series contains materials relating to the planning, administration, and design of the exhibit, "Inside Our Homes, Outside Our Windows." See <a href="#">PDF</a> copy of detailed inventory.
<b>BOX-FOLDER 14/255-14/269</b>	Tentative Proposal - Correspondence concerning videocassettes