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Charles van Sandwyk fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	Charles van Sandwyk fonds
Reference code:	RBSC-ARC-1713
Date:	1984 - 2021 (date of creation)
Physical description:	58 prints and other material
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Description revised by James Goldie in April 2019. Description revised by June Chow in October 2022. Description revised by Malcolm Fish in January 2024.
Note [generalNote]:	Photographs are stored in the vault separate from the other records: BC-2170/01-02

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Charles van Sandwyk is an illustrator, writer and artist based out of Deep Cove in North Vancouver, BC. His work often features imaginative and ornate interpretations of animals and the natural world. Charles' books are designed, written and illustrated by himself, and he oversees every step of their publication. Charles was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1966 and emigrated to Vancouver with his family in 1977. He was encouraged to pursue his interest in art in high school and went on to study graphic design at Capilano University. His first published book, *A Selection of Neighbourly Birds*, published in 1987, won an Alcan award. He also won the Grand Prix in the Printing World Awards 2006 for the finest achievement in British Printing for his illustrations of Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*. He has provided illustrations for Folio Society editions of *The Blue Fairy Book* and *The Wind in the Willows*. His book, *How to See Fairies*, received its own Folio Society edition in 2018. He divides his time between Deep Cove and the Fiji Islands.

Custodial history

Some materials were previously held by the Joyce Williams Gallery in Vancouver before coming to Rare Books and Special Collections in 2013. Other materials were purchased directly from the creator.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of material that reflects Charles van Sandwyk's development as an artist, illustrator and publisher of fine books in Vancouver. Materials include original artwork (watercolours, etchings), exhibition posters, book and book signing announcements, press proofs, broadsides, invitations, edition of the High Branch Society mail-outs (which include letters, cards, decorative envelopes, poems, and small copies of art), fabric banners, and medallions. Most of the items are signed by Charles. Some of these materials were brought together by Charles and the Joyce Williams Gallery; the arrangement of that material as it arrived has been maintained. Other materials were purchased from the creator and maintain the original order at the time of their acquisition.

Notes

Title notes

Related material

UBC's Rare Books & Special Collections holds many copies of Charles' published works. Simon Fraser University's Special Collections & Rare Books also has a Charles van Sandwyk fonds (MsC 111), as does Library and Archives Canada (R11825-0-7-E).

Accruals

2018 accrual processed by James Goldie.
2020 accrual processed by June Chow.
2023 accrual processed by Malcolm Fish.
Further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Physical description:** Includes 10 cm of textual materials, 8 banners, 3 medallions, 2 photographs, 2 water colours, 1 collage
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Access points

- Arts and culture (subject)
- Communications (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-01	File - First exhibition: photographs, signed postcard, and signed etching	ca. 1984		
	Item - Photographs of Charles at 18	[1984]		
	Item - Exhibition postcard, signed and annotated	1984		
	Item - Etching, signed	ca. 1984		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-02	File - A Celebration of Nature: notes, receipt, and signed poster	1985		
	Item - Exhibition poster, signed	1985		
	Item - Exhibition notes	1985		
	Item - Receipt for exhibition purchases	1985		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-03	File - Rara Avis: signed poster and original artwork	1987		
	Item - Exhibition poster, signed	1987		
	Item - Artwork for poster, signed	1987		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-08	Item - Tropical Bounty: signed poster	1991		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-09	Item - Glimpses of Paradise: signed poster	1991		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-10	Item - New Work from the South Seas: signed poster	1992		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-11	File - Parade to Paradise: original artwork and press proof with etching	1992		
	Item - Original artwork	1992		
	Item - Press proof with colour treatment and etching, signed	1992		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-12	Item - First set of card shells, Fairy Press, signed and annotated by Charles	1994		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-13	File - Sketches from the Dream Island of Birds: signed posters	1995		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-14	File - Life is Art: signed poster and broadside	1997		
	Item - Exhibition poster, signed	1997		
	Item - Broadside, signed	1997		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-15	File - Animal Wisdom: signed press proofs	1999		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-16	File - The Gnome King's Treasure Song: signed poster and press proof	2000		
	Item - Book poster, signed	2000		
	Item - Press proof, signed	2000		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-17	File - The Meaning of Mice: signed press proofs	2002		
	Item - Invitation press proof, signed	2002		
	Item - Book press proof, signed	2002		
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-18	File - Heavenly Monkey Press: signed books	2003		
	Item - A Christmas Book	2003		

	Item - Drawings by Charles van Sandwyk Done for Heavenly Monkey Annuals 2001- 2003	2003
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-19	File - Mr. Rabbit's Christmas Wish: signed press proofs	2004
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-20	File - Wind in the Willows: signed press proof and poster	2005
	Item - Press proof, signed	2005
	Item - Exhibition poster, signed	2005
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-05	Item - South for the Winter: signed poster	1988
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-07	Item - Parrots of the Cannibal Island: prospectus	[1990]
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-04	Item - A Selection of Neighbourly Birds: prospectus	[1987]
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-06	Item - Paintings from the South Pacific: signed poster	1989
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-21	Item - Jim Rimmer celebration: signed broadside with etching	2006
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-22	Item - Impressions of Vancouver: signed poster	2007
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-23	File - Mr. Rabbit's Symphony of Nature: signed press proof, poster, and invitations	2008
	Item - Book signing invitations, signed	2008
	Item - Book signing poster, signed	2008
	Item - Press proof, signed	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-24	Item - Simonides 521: signed broadside	1-24
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-25	Item - Afterglow: signed press proof	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-26	Item - Twenty One Years - Twenty One Prints: signed poster	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-27	Item - The Realm of Fantasy: signed poster	2009
RBSC-ARC-1713-1-28	File - The Fairy Market: signed press proofs	2009
	Item - Book cover press proof, signed	2009
	Item - Book interior press proof, signed	2009
	Item - Title page press proof, signed	2009
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-01	Item - Canadian Content: signed press proof	2009
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-02	File - The Savuti Press: signed brochure press proof and poster	2009
	Item - Brochure proof, signed	2009
	Item - Poster, signed	2009
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-03	File - The Philosopher's Cupboard: signed press proofs	2009
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-04	File - Deep Cove banners and prints, signed	2011
	Item - Prints, signed	2011
	Item - Banners, signed	2011
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-05	Item - Artemis exhibition: signed poster	2011
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-06	File - Quality Time: program and signed poster	2011
	Item - Poster, signed	2011
	Item - Program	2011

RBSC-ARC-1713-2-07	File - I Believe. Two Poems & a Hidden Thought: signed press proofs	2012
	Item - Good Cheer, signed press proof	2012
	Item - I Believe and Fortress on a Hill, signed press proof	2012
RBSC-ARC-1713-2-08	Item - Tavewa Island map, signed	2012
RBSC-ARC-1713-02-09	Item - [Watercolour of Alice playing croquet]	2016
RBSC-ARC-1713-02-10	Item - Alice and the Dodo, watercolour	2016
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-01	Item - Hand drawn bookmark	
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-02	Item - Summer/Fall 2016 - High Branch Society mail out	2016
	Item - [High Branch Society welcome card]	2016
	Item - [High Branch Society welcome letter]	2016
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-03	File - X-mas 2016 - High Branch Society mail out	2016
	Item - [2016 Christmas card]	
	Item - [Christmas letter to High Branch Society members]	2016
	Item - [Folding booklet featuring "Little People Common to the Natural Forest"]	
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-04	Item - Summer 2017 - High Branch Society mail-out	2017
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-05	File - X-mas 2017 - High Branch Society mail out	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of fairy]	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of mouse with antlers]	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of two robins]	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of owl]	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of mouse holding Chinese lantern]	2017
	Item - [Christmas card featuring image of mouse with wine and cheese]	2017
	Item - [Pamphlet depicting artist's travel path]	2017
	Item - [Pamphlet depicting artist's travel path]	2017
	Item - [Folding letter addressed to "Random Thoughts, Esq."]	2017
	Item - [Folding letter addressed to "Random Thoughts, Esq."]	2017
	Item - [High Branch Society letter]	2017
	Item - [High Branch Society letter]	2017
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-06	Item - [Pamphlet containing biography and artist statement of Charles van Sandwyk]	[After 1995]

RBSC-ARC-1713-03-07	Item - Wee mouse etching	2015
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-08	File - Sea to Sky All British Rally 2013 medallion	2013-2015
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-08-AR-01	Item - Sea to Sky - All British Rally medallion	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-08-AR-02	Item - Sea to Sky - All British Rally medallion	2014
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-08-AR-03	Item - Sea to Sky - All British Rally medallion	2015
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-09	File - [Reviews of How to See Fairies and Other Tales]	2018
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01	File - Sets of Deep Cove banners	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-01	Item - [Deep Cove banner - racoons canoeing]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-02	Item - [Deep Cove banner - burgundy 01]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-03	Item - [Deep Cove banner - trees, water, and sailboats]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-04	Item - [Deep Cove banner - dock, water, and hillsides]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-05	Item - [Deep Cove banner - bear fishing]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-04-01-06	Item - [Deep Cove banner - burgundy 02]	2013
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-10	Item - [Brochure presenting Charles van Sandwyk]	[20--?]
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-11	File - The Wind in the Willows centenary edition 2008 - Folio Society mail out	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-11-01	Item - [Letter to Folio Society members]	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-11-02	Item - [Pamphlet featuring centenary edition of The Wind in the Willows]	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-11-03	Item - [Folding letter from "Toad, Esq."]	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-11-04	Item - Priority reservation form	2008
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-12	Item - Mouse calendar	2010
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-13	Item - Fairy Money	2011
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-14	File - The Blue Fairy Book: original artwork	2002
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-14-01	Item - Title page	2002
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-14-02	Item - Tailpiece to Bluebeard, Tailpiece to Trustyjohn	2002
RBSC-ARC-1713-03-15	File - Planned publications 2016 - High Branch Society mail out	2016

RBSC- ARC-1713-03-15-01	Item - Planned publications, uncut press proof	2016
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-15-02	Item - Draft list of planned publications	2016
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-16	Item - [Bibliography of Charles van Sandwyk, 2000 to 2010]	[2010?]
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-17	Item - The Wind in the Willows: Mole and Rat and Toad in pasture, original artwork	[2008?]
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-18	Item - Dinner invitation with Prime Minister of Fiji	2015
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-19	Item - Literary mouse etching, colour proof	2005
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-20	Item - Lion gazing at an empty book etching	2000
RBSC- ARC-1713-03-21	File - [Promotional pamphlets for Danny's Inn gallery location]	[after 2021]