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Scope and contents

This collection comprises photographs and text that were used in an exhibition by noted architectural photographer Alan Karchmer. He trained as an architect at Tulane University and was based in Memphis when the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery held the exhibition titled “Time & Place: A Review of Memphis Architecture” between September 9 and November 26, 1978. Funded by a National Endowment for the Arts grant before he graduated and returned home to Memphis, the exhibition earned him recognition among local architects who became his first clients. After working for a couple of years in Memphis, he returned to New Orleans and eventually moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for local and regional architectural clients. Karchmer went on to have an award-winning career as an architectural photographer.

Processing note

The 32 panels from the exhibition were donated to Memphis State University in 1984. Unfortunately, at some point during the following 40 years, some of the panels sustained damage. In the interests of preservation and to make the images available, the photographs and text were removed from the panels, and digitized in July 2024.

Subject terms

Karchmer, Alan.
Architecture—Tennessee—Memphis.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

Time & Place: A Review of Memphis Architecture, 1978:
unfoldered Photographs and information panels.
OS1 Photographs and information panels.
Poster.
Catalog.
Flyer: Alan Karchmer/Architectural View, undated. Advertising Karchmer’s business in Memphis, Tenn., with reference to the Time & Place exhibit and photographs from the exhibit.