

KABH: collection level description

Reference code

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Title

SADAA: Kabhi Ritz, Kabhie Palladium.

Dates of creation

1940s – 1980s; 2004.

Level of description

Collection

Extent

2 folders, 2 CDs, 1 DVD.

Name of creator

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry.

Administrative/biographical history

One of the objectives of Coventry Arts and Heritage is to explore the cultural heritage of all the communities within Coventry. Because of this an exhibition was held in 2004 at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum about Asian cinema in Coventry. This was thriving from the 1940s. In the post-war years there was very little entertainment aimed at the Asian community, and the cinemas provided not only films but also a valuable social facility.

Archival history

This collection is part of the The South Asian Diaspora Literature and Arts Archive (SALIDAA) which was founded in 1999. The aim was to preserve sources and information about the contribution of the South Asian community to literature and arts in Britain.

Immediate source of acquisition

SALIDAA deposited part of their archive with Brunel University Special Collections.

Scope and content

In 2004 the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry, put on “Kabhi Ritz, Kabhie Palladium; Coventry’s Asian Cinema Scene 1940s – 1980s.” This collection is derived from this exhibition. It includes emails between the Museum and SALIDAA, and publicity information. It also includes copies of “Kabhi Ritz Kabhie Palladium; a collection of memories” in English, Hindi and Punjabi. There are CDs containing photographs and an introduction, and a film on DVD.

System of arrangement

Numbered items in folders and boxes.

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Language of material

English, Hindi, Punjabi.

Physical characteristics

Printed emails, pamphlets, CDs, DVD.

Finding aids

A finding aid is available for manuscript material.

Archivist's note

Described by Paula Gerrard with amendments by Katie Flanagan.

Rules or conventions

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Subjects

Asians--Great Britain--History--20th century.

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Coventry (England).

Indian motion pictures.

Motion pictures--Asia.

Motion pictures--History.

Oral history.