SWANSON, JOHN AUGUST, 1938-.
John August Swanson papers and artwork, 1968-2018

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Descriptive Summary

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Title: John August Swanson papers and artwork, 1968-2018
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Biographical Note
John August Swanson is a Los Angeles-based artist specializing in the portrayal of biblical stories and scenes from everyday life. He was born on January 11, 1938, in Los Angeles. Both of his parents were recent immigrants to California when he was born; his mother was from Mexico and his father from Sweden.

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Swanson’s art takes many shapes. He paints in oil, watercolor, acrylic as well mixed media, and is an experienced printmaker. *The Morning Suite* (1979) aptly demonstrates his printmaking versatility as it contains etchings, engravings, lithographs, and serigraphs (screen prints). Many of Swanson’s paintings have been adapted into limited-edition serigraphs, a medium he has championed. These serigraphs necessitate an advanced level of technical acumen and typically feature 30 to 60 separate colors, each of which require a separate stencil drawn by the artist. Swanson’s elaborate serigraph process results in pieces that have unique textures and colors that are characteristic of his mastery of this medium. *The Procession* (2007) is the most elaborate of Swanson’s serigraphs; it contains 89 separate colors. Swanson worked closely with master printer James F. Butterfield II of Aurora Serigraphics to produce many of his serigraphs, but with Butterfield’s passing in January of 2011, Swanson no longer makes serigraphs. Many of the pieces he produces now are paintings that have been modified into limited-edition giclées (high-quality, fine art prints produced on professional-grade inkjet printers).

While Swanson’s serigraphs are often intricately developed and are quite sophisticated in their design, they convey stories that are meant to be easily understood. In November of 1971, Swanson traveled to Mexico for five weeks and was inspired by the art and the people there. At this moment, he decided to use his art to tell stories in a linear approach. Overall his style is rather eclectic. He attributes as his influences the “imagery of Islamic and medieval miniatures, Russian iconography, the color of Latin American folk art, and the tradition of Mexican muralists” (artist’s biography; box 1, folder 1).

The subject matters that Swanson treats most often in his art are biblical stories, scenes from live performances (e.g., circus or theatre), and scenes from everyday life. He draws inspiration from both Old and New Testaments, but has a particular interest in retelling events in the life of Christ. He also portrays many mundane or menial tasks as serious and positive actions. In his art, Swanson praises the virtue of doing one’s best, regardless of their position. He writes, “The woman who irons her family’s clothes has as much dignity and worth as the statesman” (artist’s biography; box 1, folder 1). There is also a strong social component to Swanson’s art; he has repeatedly stated that his art is his most social act.

Swanson has received considerable recognition for his art, including the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from California Lutheran University (1996), the Mother Teresa Award (2005), the Dean’s Medal from Emory University, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Award (2012). His art is held in a number of prestigious collections, including the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, National Museum of American Art, National Air and Space Museum, as well as the Art Institute of Chicago, Harvard University’s Fogg Museum, the Tate Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Bibliothèque Nationale, and the Vatican Museum’s Collection of Modern Religious Art. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, has the largest collection of his work on public display.

**Scope and Content Note**

The John August Swanson papers and artwork consist of biographical papers on the artist and his work; correspondence; printed material by or about the artist; reproductions and descriptions of his art; audio-visual material; telephone journals; photographs; and original artwork, prints and proofs. Notable items within the correspondence is a postcard that Swanson wrote to his mother while in England (1976), a transcribed email written for “Lewis” (undated) on the
subject of Christianity and the arts, and extended correspondence with individuals such as Janaan Manternach, Stanley Johnson, and Panchita Seyssel. The correspondence also shows how Swanson's art is discovered, used, understood, displayed, and appreciated by individuals as well as organizations. In terms of artwork, the collection contains art representing all stages of the artist’s career. There are a number of pieces dating from 1969 through the early 1970s that demonstrate the early evolution of the artist’s technique and style. While most of the prints in the collection are serigraphs, there are some etchings, engravings, and lithographs as well. The oldest piece of artwork in the collection is an *Untitled* work (August 1968) containing a quotation from Rainer Maria Rilke’s *Letters to a Young Poet*, which features printed text from the artist’s hand-carved alphabet. One of the strengths of this collection are the various working proofs that the artist used in developing the serigraphs as well as many of the hand drawn stencils used for making individual color layers of the serigraphs.

**Arrangement Note**
Organized into ten series: (1) Artist's background; (2) Printed media about John August Swanson; (3) Artwork reproductions and descriptions; (4) Correspondence with institutions, churches, and organizations; (5) Personal correspondence, (6) Telephone journals, (7) Audio-visual material, (8) Photographs, (9) Printing sample booklets; and (10) Original artwork, prints, and proofs.
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star clown (2008); serigraph; color proof #19 (quinacridone pink tint)

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Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); color Proofs on mylar, colors #41-58.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); color proof on mylar Used for framing the individual panels.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); development concept drawings—later revised—for each panel.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); drawing of text, in pen, on mylar; excessive ink was scratched off.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); early Study, Colored pencil drawing on reproduction of panel #2, 2003.

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Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); negative of Original Drawing. This provided a sharp, opaque stencil to be used in printing of each panel.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); pen and ink on frosted acetate for each panel, completed in 2003.

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); photocopy (at size) of color study on mylar in preparation for the third panel.

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Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; collage painting over printed framework

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (10 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (15 colors printed with additional color testing)
Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (20 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (30 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (34 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (37 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (40 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (42 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (47 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); serigraph; progressive proof (49 colors printed with additional color testing)

Story of the Prodigal Son (2004); stencils for serigraph production, colors #41-58.

Story of Ruth (1991); serigraph; artist's proof

Supper (1972); pencil drawing

The Swimmers (1969); silkscreen; edition of 12

The Swimmers (1969); silkscreen; printed proof of outline

Take Away the Stone (2005); serigraph; archival print

Take Away the Stone (2005); serigraph; color proofs on Mylar

Take Away the Stone (2005); serigraph; negative stencil

Take Away the Stone (2005); serigraph; planning proofs, sketches, and work product used in the development of the serigraph

Take Away the Stone (2005); serigraph; stencils for serigraph production

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); serigraph; archival proof

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); serigraph; color proof containing colors #22 and #31.

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); serigraph; front: out-of-registration proof with painting tests; reverse: Francis and the Wolf; serigraph; color proof #24

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); serigraph; front: out-of-registration proof; reverse: Francis and the Wolf; serigraph; color proof ##6-7

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); serigraph; front: progressive proof with 34 colors printed; reverse: color proof with six colors printed

Tales of Hoffmann (2001); stencils for serigraph production

Time to Heal (2016); giclée; artist's proof

Time to Heal (2015); giclée; working proof

The Train Station (1975); serigraph; artist's proof

Tree Planting (1974); serigraph; 15 colors; edition 19 of 40
Tumblers (1986); etching

Unemployed Man (circa 1972); serigraph; edition 49 of 50

Untitled (1968); Lettering; original hand-printed work from the artist's own carved alphabet

Untitled and incomplete engraving (undated) clown/circus print, copper plate

A Visit (1995); serigraph; near complete progressive proof on tag board, 1995

A Visit (1995); serigraph; incomplete progressive proof and early painting on tag board, 1995

A Visit (1995); serigraph; front: progressive proof (15 colors printed); reverse: color proof (10 colors printed)

A Visit (1995); serigraph; front: progressive proof (35 colors printed); reverse: color proof (10 colors printed)

A Visit (1995); serigraph; front: progressive proof (40 colors printed); reverse: color proof (6 colors printed)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; archival print

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: cancelled proof with all the colors printed, discarded due to printing flaws; reverse: Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof with colors #13, 15, and 18 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; color proof #27 (transparent medium paynes gray #1)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; color proof #6 (transparent golden ochre)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: completed proof on damaged paper; reverse: Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof with color #31 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (8 colors printed with color tests); reverse: color proof #15 (lilac)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (9 colors printed with additional test painting); reverse: color proof with colors #14, 19, and 20 printed overlay with Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof with colors #25 and 26 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (12 colors printed); reverse: color proof #13 (Turquoise)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (13 colors printed used for registration); reverse: color proof with color #24 printed overlay with Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof with colors #2-5 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (13 colors printed with additional test painting); reverse: Tales of Hoffman (2001); serigraph; color proof with colors #5 and 6 printed overlay with Jester (2000); serigraph; color proof with color #22 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (17 colors printed); reverse: color proof #17 and 19 (cobalt blue and transparent turquoise)
Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (20 colors printed); reverse: color proof #21 (orange ochre)

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: progressive proof (33 colors printed) out of registration; reverse: color proof with #18 printed; overlay with Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof with color #33 printed

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; front: proof with colors that were changed; reverse: Daniel (2000); serigraph; color proof #18 (transparent dioxazine purple)

Washing of the Feet (2000); Photocopy of ink drawing for stencil color #12 (transparent sepia)

Washing of the Feet (2000); Registration proof #9 (transparent geranium) on Mylar

Washing of the Feet (2000); stencils for serigraph production

Washing of the Feet (2000); drawings on Mylar

Washing of the Feet (2000); serigraph; color proof #9 (transparent geranium) (on reverse side is Festival of Lights print, out of register)

Wedding Feast (1996); serigraph; printer's proof V/V

William Kunstler (2017); mixed media collage.

Within You and Without You (1969); serigraph; printed on German etching paper; edition of 20

Workers and Protest (1971); pen, pencil, and crayon drawing

Miscellaneous Drawings; drawing montage in pen (1969)

Miscellaneous Drawings; drawings of birds in pencil and color pencils (on reverse side is a drawing study for Minstrel (1975)

Miscellaneous Drawings; drawing of Good Samaritan Scenes in ink (1992)

Miscellaneous Drawings; Facsimile Sketchbook (1998-2004)

Poster Collection


"And Who Is My Neighbor?" featuring Good Samaritan, 2017

Building Our Common Home, 2015.

By your Spirit You Move Human Hearts — peace poster 1, 2014.

By your Spirit You Move Human Hearts — peace poster 2, 2014.

Classroom (Spending on Nuclear Weapons), 2015.

Classroom (Spending on Nuclear Weapons) test proofs, 2015.

Entry into the City (Nuclear Weapons Are Banned Once and For All), 2015.

Entry into the City (Nuclear Weapons Are Banned Once and For All) test proofs, 2015.

Family Picnic poster, 2014.
Family Picnic poster test proofs, 2014.

Festival of Lights (Ensure that nuclear weapons are banned once and for all), 2015

Festival of Lights (Ensure that nuclear weapons are banned once and for all) test proofs, 2015

Five Dollar Gold Piece (Rainbow), 2015.

Five Dollar Gold Piece (White), 2015.

Francis canticle poster, 2014.


Healthcare is a Human Right, 2017.

Hunger poster featuring Bakers, 2014.

Hunger poster featuring Mexican Picnic, 2014.

Hunger poster featuring black and white version of Bakery, 2014.

Hunger poster featuring monochrome version of Bakery, 2014.

Immigration poster, 2014.

"If We Don't End War, War Will End Us" featuring Bomb Factory, 2017.

Immigration notes, proofs, and drawings, 2014.

Immigration (Family), 2015.

Immigration (Family) test proofs, 2015.

Journey through the Wilderness, 2015.

Leap Into the New poster, 2014.

Leap Into the New proofs, concepts, and development pieces, 2014.

"Listen to the Earth Crying" featuring Francis Listens to the Fish, 2018.

Living Wage featuring quotations by Martin Luther King, Jr, Pope Francis, and Elizabeth Warren, 2018.

Martin Luther King, Jr. poster development materials, 2012.

Mexican Picnic early proof, 2014.

Power to the People adapted poster, 2009.

Praised Bee - Protect the Bees, 2017.

Rainbow Runners, 2015.

Rainbow Runners test proofs, 2015.

Seeds of Brotherhood black and white poster (1973/2012.


Stanford Street, 2015.


Struggle for Justice larger format, 1972/2012.
Struggle for Justice smaller format, 2015.
Struggle for Justice smaller format test proofs, 2015.
"This will be our reply to violence: to make music" featuring The Orchestra (1979), 2018.
United Farm Workers Fund Raiser poster, 1972.
"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family" featuring The Restaurant (1974), 2018.
Workers minimum wage poster, 2014.
Yes on Proposition 34 poster featuring Crucifixion; version 1, 2012.
Yes on Proposition 34 poster featuring Crucifixion; version 2, 2012.
Yes on Proposition 34 poster featuring Crucifixion; version 3, 2012.
Yes on Proposition 34 poster featuring Crucifixion; version 4, 2012.
Yes on Proposition 57 poster, version 1, 2016.
Yes on Proposition 57 poster, version 2, 2016.
Yes on Proposition 62 poster, version 1 (English), 2016.
Yes on Proposition 62 poster, version 1 (Spanish), 2016.
Yes on Proposition 62 poster, version 2 (English), 2016.
Yes on Proposition 62 poster, version 2 (Spanish), 2016.
"You really can change the world if you care enough" featuring The Inventor (1975), 2018.