

Guide to the Lou Dunst Collection

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Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Information:

Lou Dunst, a San Diego businessman, is a Holocaust survivor who was liberated at age nineteen along with his brother, Irving from the Ebensee Concentration Camp in Austria. Mr. Dunst has made it his life's work to educate people, especially young people, about the Holocaust. He uses his personal experiences, which include imprisonment in several concentration camps, the loss of his parents and escaping death on a daily basis. Each year since 1998 he has accompanied Jewish students on the March of the Living in Poland and Israel. He has told his story all over the world, as well as in Southern California. As a guest speaker at schools from elementary to high school to university, from Jewish to secular to Christian, Mr. Dunst has made a great impression on all those who have heard him speak. In 2014, *My bargain with God, The Story of Holocaust Survivor Lou Dunst*, written by Rabbi Ben Kamin was published and in 2015 a film about Lou Dunst entitled, *I Had to Clean My Heart*, *A Survivor's Story* by Robert Schnieder and Alberto Lau was released.

Access Terms

This collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Personal Name:

Dunst, Lou -- Archives

Topical Term:

Holocaust survivors

Jews -- California -- San Diego

Custodial History:

The materials in this collection were donated to the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego in 2004 by Lou Dunst (#2004.03). It was transferred to the San Diego State University Library and Information Access on July 22, 2015.

Accruals:

The first part of the collection was originally donated by Mr. Dunst in July 2004 and consisted of one VHS tape entitled "From the Ashes." Interviewer Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund and Lou Dunst, simulate the Nuremberg Trials as Mr. Dunst describes his Holocaust experiences. Additional items were added October 2009, including correspondence from school students in response to Lou Dunst's presentations about his Holocaust experiences and a DVD of Lou Dunst's 80th Birthday and reunion with his liberator. In November, 2011, Mr. Dunst added correspondence, photos and DVD's regarding the March of the Living, his speaking engagements, correspondence from school children and DVD's regarding his Holocaust experiences.

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Preferred Citation:

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Scope and Contents

The collection mainly consists of correspondence received from young audiences, who have heard Mr. Dunst speak about his Holocaust experiences. There are also newspaper clippings, photos, videos and DVD's of interviews with Mr. Dunst, including a VHS tape entitled "From the Ashes." Interviewer Judge Norbert Ehrenfreund and Lou Dunst, simulate the Nuremberg Trials as Mr. Dunst describes his Holocaust experiences. The collection also includes a DVD of Lou Dunst's 80th Birthday and reunion with his liberator as well as photos and DVD's regarding the March of the Living and his Holocaust experiences.

Box 1, Folder 1	Lou Dunst 80th Birthday Reunion with Liberator
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence - Appreciation: Standley Jr. High, Gompers High School, Beth Israel Day School, Southwestern College 1994-1998
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence - Appreciation: Beth Israel Day School, Stantana High School, Beth Am, Southwestern College 1999, 2005, 2008
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence - Appreciation: Standley Junior High School 1999
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School 1999
Box 1, Folder 6	Correspondence - Appreciation: school unknown 1999
Box 1, Folder 7	Correspondence - Appreciation: school unknown 1999
Box 1, Folder 8	Correspondence - Appreciation: school unknown 1999
Box 1, Folder 9	Correspondence - Appreciation: Santana High School 2000
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Box 1, Folder 17	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2004
Box 1, Folder 18	Digueño Middle School Yearbook and Photo Album 2004-2005
Box 1, Folder 19	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2005
Box 1, Folder 20	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Penn Elementary 2006
Box 1, Folder 21	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2007
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Box 1, Folder 23	Correspondence - Appreciation: Patrick Henry High School, Digueño Middle School 2008
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Box 1, Folder 25	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2008
Box 1, Folder 26	Correspondence - Appreciation: Umoja Umani Advocacy Program at Oak Park Elementary 2009
Box 1, Folder 27	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School 2009
Box 1, Folder 28	Correspondence - Appreciation: St. Augustine High School no date
Box 1, Folder 29	Correspondence - Appreciation: Miscellaneous 2000
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Box 1, Folder 31	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2009-2010

Box 1, Folder 32	Correspondence - Appreciation: Lakeside Junior High 2010
Box 2, Folder 1	Correspondence - Appreciation: Marian / Mater Dei Catholic High School 2010
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence - Appreciation: Perkins School (K-8) 2011
Box 2, Folder 3	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2011
Box 2, Folder 4	El Camino High School Photo Album 2009, 2011
Box 2, Folder 5	Correspondence - Appreciation: Our Lady of Peace Academy 2010-2011
Box 2, Folder 6	Correspondence - Appreciation: Digueño Middle School, Encinitas 2011
Box 2, Folder 7	Correspondence - Appreciation: Olympic View Elementary School 2011
Box 2, Folder 8	Correspondence - Appreciation: Marian / Mater Dei Catholic High School 2011
Box 2, Folder 9	Correspondence - Appreciation: Torrey Pines High School, West Hills High School, Miscellaneous 2009
Box 2, Folder 10	Correspondence - Appreciation: Barrio Logan College Institute, University of San Diego 2011
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Box 2, Folder 18	Correspondence - Appreciation: <i>From the Ashes</i> (video)
Box 2, Folder 19	Correspondence - From Dunst 1994-1995
Box 2, Folder 20	Photographs of Dachau Concentration Camp 1945
Box 2, Folder 21	<i>My Bargain with God, the Story of Holocaust Survivor Lou Dunst</i> [Book] 2014
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