



1939 New York World's Fair souvenirs 2012.223

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator:	New York World's Fair (1939-1940 : New York, N.Y.)
Title:	1939 New York World's Fair souvenirs
ID:	2012.223
Date:	1939
Date:	1949
Physical Description:	13 item(s)
General Physical Description:	2 photographic prints : b&w ; 4 x 5 in. or smaller. 11 photomechanical prints, collotypes : color ; 8 x 10 in. or smaller. 2 items (coins).
Physical Location:	GL Box 1.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	World's Fairs or International Expositions are large-scale exhibitions that highlight technology, agriculture and other innovations of national or cultural significance. The New York World's Fair took place in Flushing Meadows, Queens from April 30, 1939 to October 31, 1940. The theme was "The World of Tomorrow." This small collection consists of souvenir items from the 1939 New York World's Fair.

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Historical Note

World's Fairs or International Expositions are large-scale exhibitions that highlight technology, agriculture and other innovations of national or cultural significance. These fairs are open to the general public and can run for three weeks to six months.

The New York World's Fair took place in Flushing Meadows, Queens from April 30, 1939 to October 31, 1940. Nearly 45 million people visited the New York World's Fair. The theme was "The World of Tomorrow." Notable structures of this fair was the 18-story Perisphere and the 700-foot Trylon obelisk.

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Scope and Content

This small collection consists of souvenir items from the 1939 New York World's Fair. There are two black and white snapshots which show the Trylon and Perisphere, and some surrounding sculpture. There are eleven color "Albertype" photomechanical prints (collotypes) which show the following fair buildings: Italian, Portuguese, Turkish, and Polish Pavilions, the American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) Building, and the U.S. Government's Court of States. There is one souvenir coin from the 1939 fair, as well as a souvenir coin from the 1949 Chicago Railroad Fair.

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Exhibition buildings
- Souvenirs