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Dial 803.234.8987 for the following Audio Tours:

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The Guardian, Louanne LaRoche, Private Collection

The Mark B. Coplan Collection of Art at the South Carolina State Museum

October 12, 2007 through March 30, 2008



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Mark Coplan's house on St. James St., Columbia, S.C., 1999



Interior of Coplan's house, 2nd floor music room, 1999



William Thomas Thompson with his paintings in the music room, 1997



S.C. pottery displayed in Coplan's dining room, 1999

As an art collector, Mark Coplan's mission was to find artists from around the state who were young and emerging, making their presence known in their communities, and to collect their work, which he felt would become important. He also recognized and embraced the art history of the Palmetto State, searching for work by South Carolina contemporary masters. His collection evolved to more than 400 important works representing all aspects of art found in South Carolina. From fine to folk and academic to outsider, the collection reflects a large portion of the art history of our state. It includes rare, early works by previously emerging artists who are now well-known, and established artists who have continued to be an important part of South Carolina's art history.

Coplan passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 7, 2002. His collection was divided among his family, all of whom now live outside of South Carolina. The State Museum purchased 110 pieces of the collection from Lana (one of Coplan's sisters) and Michael Schlossberg from Atlanta, Ga. Recognizing the significance of this art to the state, the Schlossbergs contacted the Museum and expressed their interest in seeing their portion of the collection return to South Carolina and become part of the State Museum's permanent collection.

The portion of the collection purchased by the Museum consists of a broad range of work, and represents the passion Coplan put into his collection. Of the 110 pieces, all of these artists fill specific gaps or build on areas of strength within the Museum's collection.

This was a rare opportunity for the Museum to make a major acquisition. This collection is the largest single art acquisition for the Museum and will be a significant resource for the public in the future. It will serve as an important tool for research and a catalyst for exhibitions and publishing through catalogs and articles. This was one of the most important collections of South Carolina contemporary art in the state, and is a collection of distinction the State Museum is proud to preserve.

The Complete Mark B. Coplan Collection Included the Following Artists

Aaron Baldwin*	Deanna Leamon*	Janet Kozachek*	M. Below* ⁺	Rebecca D. DesMarais
Aggie Zed*	Dennis Derringer	Janette Grassi*	Marcello Novo*	Reed Elliot
Alecos Fassianos	Dennis Grogan*	Jason A. Forrest	Maria J. Kirby-Smith	Richard Burnside
Alex Foley	Dexter Gambrell	Jasper Johns*	Mark Flowers	Richard Hartnett*
Alice Ballard Munn	Earl Robbins	Jeff Donovan	Mark Mulfinger*	Richard Rose*
Alta Alberga*	Ed Rice	Jeri Burdick	Mark Scott	Rob Amberg
Ann S. McAden*	Ed Shmunes*	Jim Adams	Mark Woucka	Rob Fitzsimmons
Ann Stoddard	Edmund Lewandowski*	Jim Bozeman*	Matt Overend	Robert Courtright*
Anne Bjork*	Edmund Yaghjian	Jim Connell	Matthew Clay	Robert Gray*
Barbara G. Jackson	Edward Lewis*	Jim Craft*	Baumgardner*	Robert Rauschenberg*
Belvin Turnbull	Edward Rice	Jim Ivey	Mich Makor	Robert Zakanitch*
Betsy Havens	Edward Wimberly	Jim Nicholson	Michael Brodeur*	Robin Jones*
Beverly Buchanan*	Eleanor Landstreet	JMS ⁺	Michael D. Petrovich*	Rod Mackillop
Billy Henson*	Elizabeth Adams	John Burgess	Michael Gray	Russ Warren
Blake Praytor*	Elizabeth Rhodes Barnes	John C. Stone III	Michael Ticev	Sam Doyle*
Bob Chance	Elizabeth White	John D. Monteith*	Mickey Williams*	Sam Wilkins*
Brent Wahl*	Elynn Bernstein	John Taylor	Mike Williams*	Sam Wolfe
Brian Rutenberg*	Ernest Lee	Jonathan Green*	Milt Jines	Scott Belville
Brooks A. Myers	Frances Perkins	Jordan Meinster	Nancy Jaramillo	Stephanie Ogenski
Brooks Yeomans	Gene Merritt	Jorge Otero	Nancy Valelly	Stephen Chesley
Burlon B. Craig*	Gerald Bruck	Joseph Thompson	Neville Chuzzlewit	Steven Hewitt
C. Drie ⁺	Geraldine Smith*	Julia Cart Day	Nicholas Krushenick*	Sydney Cross*
Carl Blair*	Gina Gilmore	Justin Waugh	Nila Moore	Tarleton Blackwell
Carl Julian	Gus Ellis*	Karel Appel*	Nina Benedetto*	Terry Jarrard-Diamond
Carolite Keith Harvin	Harry Stuart	Karen Davies*	Nina Liu	Thad Warren
Casimer Kowalski	Helen Fried*	Karen Werth	Nina Parris	Theresa Zemlin
Cathleen Ellisor	Henri de Toulouse Lautrec*	Kata Billups	P. Crawford ⁺	Todd Murphy
CCW ⁺	Henry Stone	Katya Cohen	Pat Hartley	Tom Bryan
Cecil Williams*	Henry Vial	Ken Moore*	Patrick McInerney	Tom Stanley*
Charles Quest	Hollis Brown Thornton	Ken Page*	Patrick Parise	Tom Thoun
Charlie Lyons	Holloman ⁺	Kim LeMasters*	Patti Brady	Tomoe Yokoi*
Charlotte B. Belote	Houghton Cranford Smith*	Kimberly Carter	Paul Bright*	Unidentified* ⁺
Chip Myers*	Ike Carpenter	Kin Keats	Paul Martyka	Virginia Scotchie
Christian Thee	J. Bardin*	Krysta Ryba	Paul Matheny*	W.F. Hahn
Christine Kierstead	J. Scott Goldsmith*	Larry Francis Lebby*	Paul Niendorff	W.K. Hughes
Clark Ellefson	Jack Girard	Laura Spong	Paul Sires*	Walter Streetmeyer
Claude Davis	James Bright Bailey*	Lawrence Leake	Peggy Peattie	Wanda Steppe*
Clay Burnett	James Fowler Cooper	LeCunda ⁺	Phillip Moody	Wells ⁺
Colin Quashie	James H. Roddy	Lee Malerich	Philip Mullen*	Wilford Spoon
Constantine Manos*	James Harold Jennings*	Leo Twiggs*	Philip Whitley	Will Barnes
Corneille (Cornelis van Beverloo)*	James Nutt	Leonard Chastain	Phillip M. Garrett*	William Halsey
Corrie McCallum*	James Rosen	Linda McCune	Poole ⁺	William G. Jackson*
Darby Erd	Jamie Blackburn	Lindsey O'Neil	Prentiss Taylor*	William L. Davis*
David Hooker	Jamie Francis*	Lonnie Holley	Preston Orr*	William Thomas Thompson*
David Stuart	Janet Bezzant	Louellen Vernon-White	R. South ⁺	
David Yaghjian		Lyn Bell Rose*	Randall Popham	
		Lynn Burgess	Ray Davenport*	

*Artists included in the S.C. State Museum's recent acquisition from Michael and Lana Schlossberg

⁺ Several pieces in the collection were not able to be identified by a specific maker and in some cases only initials were available. Please contact the State Museum at 803.898.4941 if you have any information about these individuals.