

EXPOSITION FILM SOURCES

Exhibition History

"Come to the Fairs," episode 6 of *A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers*. Writer: Janet Roach. Produced by Janet Roach. Created and developed by the Corporation for Entertainment and Learning, Inc. and Bill Moyers. A presentation of, and produced in association with, WNET/New York and KQED San Francisco. Alexandria, VA 1988: PBS Video. VHS. 58 min. Originally broadcast 1984.

Comprehensive Historical World Fairs - Bundle Pack. Comprised of 11 DVDs: *Historical World Fairs: New York*. 4 vols. (8 DVDs); *Historical World Fairs: Prominent Twentieth Century World's Fairs*. (1 DVD); *Historical World Fairs: San Francisco* (2 DVDs). See listings by title in this section. Available at <http://www.a2zcds.com> (Documentary DVDs).

Early Motion Pictures of World's Fairs & Expositions. Corrales, NM 1997: New Deal Films. VHS, 46 min. Includes 21 films from Paris 1900, Buffalo 1901 and St. Louis 1904.

Exposiciones universales. El mundo en Sevilla. Madrid? 1992. 13-episode series for Radiotelevisión Española. Based on the book *Exposiciones universales. El mundo en Sevilla*, by Luis Calvo Teixeira.

Historical World Fairs: New York. 4 vols. Each volume is a 2-DVD set; available at <http://www.a2zcds.com> (Documentary DVDs) by volume or as an 8-DVD set:

Volume I. Producer: P. Medicus. 1939. ca. 120 min.

Volume II. Producer: P. Medicus. 1939. ca. 117 min.

Volume III. Producer: P. Medicus. 1939. ca. 123 min.

Volume IV. ca. 123 min. Contains 6 films:

- Amateur Film: *The World's Fair*. ca. 5 min.
- Amateur Film: Wathen Collection: *New York World's Fair*. Producer: R.W. Wathen. ca. 28 min.
- *To New Horizons*. Sponsor: General Motors Corporation, Department of Public Relations. Producer: Jam Handy Organization. 1940. ca. 14 min.
- *Unisphere: The Biggest World on Earth*. Sponsor: U.S. Steel Co. Producer: MPO Productions, Inc. 1964. ca. 14 min.
- *1964 New York World's Fair Report*. Sponsor: New York World's Fair 1964-65, Inc. Producer: A John Campbell Films Inc. Production. 1961. ca. 27 min.
- *To The Fair* (New York 1964-1965). Sponsor: New York World's Fair 1964-65 Corporation. Production company: Association Films, Inc. 1965. ca. 26 min.

Historical World Fairs: Prominent Twentieth Century World's Fairs. DVD. ca. 60 min. Contains:

- *Century of Progress Exposition*. 1934? ca. 13 min.
- Amateur Film: *Chicago World's Fair*. 1933? ca. 8 min.
- Amateur Film: *New York World's Fair*. 1939. ca. 30 min.
- *Century 21 Calling*. Producer: Telenews. 1962? ca. 1 min.

Historical World Fairs: San Francisco. 2-DVD set. ca. 119 min.. Contains:

- *Panama-Pacific International Exposition*. 1915. ca. 13 min.
- *Opening of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition*. 1915. ca. 8 min.
- Amateur Film: *Golden Gate Bridge*. 1939. ca. 30 min.
- *Dead Fair*. Producer: Telenews. 1940. ca. 1 min.
- *Farewell to Treasure Island*. Sponsor: Hills Brothers Coffee, Inc. Producer: Ken Allen. 1940. ca. 3 min.

- *The Story of Jewel City*. Sponsor: Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Producer: Exposition Players Corporation. 1915. ca. 9 min.
- *Treasure Island*. Sponsor: California Commission, Department of Special Events. Producer: Arthur E. Howard. 1939. ca. 10 min.
- Amateur Film: "*Frisco Fair / Pacific Northwest*". 1939. ca. 17 min.
- *California: Golden Gate International Exposition*. 1939. ca. 8 min.
- *Panama Pacific International Exposition*. Producer: Frank W. Vail. 1915? ca. 10 min.

Library of Congress. American Memory Project: <http://memory.loc.gov/> [includes films from a number of American and European fairs]

Prelinger Archives: http://www.panix.com/~footage/collections_summary.html. For access: <http://www.panix.com/~footage/prelarch.html>. Collections containing world's fair footage:

- Amateur Film Collections (1915-1980): World's Fairs, especially New York 1939/40, San Francisco 1939/40, New York 1964/65.
- Bert Gould/Bay Area Archives Collection (1903-1970s): PPIE 1915. Subset "Misc. 16mm. materials and release prints" includes Kodachrome footage of GGIE.
- Jack Levy Family Collection (1931-1941): Kodachrome coverage of the New York World's Fair, 1940.
- R.W. Wathen Collection (1930s-1970s): Footage of New York 1939/40.

Savage Acts: Wars, Fairs and Empire. Directors: Pennee Bender, Joshua Brown, Andrea Ades Vasquez. Producer and script writer: Pennee Bender. New York 1995: American Social History Project. VHS. 30 min. Includes Chicago 1893, Buffalo 1901 and St. Louis 1904.

"World's Fairs: Visions of the Future," an episode of *Modern Marvels*. Written and produced by Noah Morowitz. Producer: Bruce Nash. Produced by Actuality Productions, Inc., for the History Channel. A presentation of Hearst Entertainment; A & E Television Networks. New York 1998: Distributed by New Video Group. VHS. 50 min.

Centennial Exhibition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1876

Celebrating a Century: The 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition. Written by Benjamin W. Lawless. Narrated by James Whitmore. Washington, DC 1979: Office of Exhibits Central, Smithsonian Institution; distributed by National Audiovisual Center. VHS. 28 min. Originally issued in 1976 as a motion picture.

World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Illinois 1893

The Chicago World's Fair, 1893. Written and directed by Sally Anderson Chappell. IL 1993: Film to Video Labs Ltd. VHS. 17 min. Originally funded by the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and DePaul University as a filmstrip-cassette; re-issued in videotape on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the World's Columbian Exposition.

EXPO – Magic of the White City: The Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Directed by Mark Bussler. Narrated by Gene Wilder. Pittsburgh, PA 2005: Inecom Entertainment Company. DVD. 116 min.

World's Fair of 1893: Social Services and Moral Uplift, the Chicago School of Architecture. Producer, director: Peter Keenan. Narrator: J. Neil Boyle. Produced by the Center for Instructional Design, Loyola University of Chicago. Chicago 1988. VHS. 90 min.

California Midwinter International Exposition, San Francisco, California 1894

California Midwinter International Exposition, 1894. Narrated by Art Hough. S.I. 1994? VHS. 29 min.

The Fantastic Fair. San Francisco 1983: Order of Fine Fellows. VHS. 29 min.

Berliner Gewerbe-Ausstellung, Berlin, Germany 1896

Die Pyramiden vom Treptower Park: die versunkene "Weltausstellung." Producer, director, writer: Daniel Ast and Jürgen Ast. Berlin 2005: RBB Television. VHS. 45 min.

Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, Omaha, Nebraska 1898

Westward the Empire: Omaha's World's Fair of 1898. Producer, director, writer: David C. Rotterman. Produced by UNO Television, University of Nebraska at Omaha for the Nebraska ETV Network. Omaha 1998: UNO Television. VHS. 57 min. Accompanied by 16-page illustrated guide written by Liz Cajka.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Missouri 1904

Bontoc Eulogy. Producer, director, writer, narrator: Marlon Fuentes. New York 1995: Cinema Guild. VHS. 57 min.

"I was there" ... Memories of the 1904 World's Fair. Vol. 1. Produced and directed by Bob Miano, Charles Koehler, Barb Chmielewski Mori. St. Louis 1990: 1904 World's Fair Society.

Meet Me in St. Louis. Directed by Vincent Minelli. Santa Monica, CA 1994, c1944: MGM/UA Home Video. VHS. 1 hour, 53 min. Based on the book by Sally Benson. Videocassette release of the 1944 motion picture.

Nothing Impossible: The Story of the St. Louis World Fair. St. Louis? 1992: Dick Smith Media Design & Production. VHS.

A World on Display: The St. Louis World's Fair of 1904. Written and directed by Eric Breitbart. Produced by Eric Breitbart and Mary Lance. Narrator: Leona Luba. Corrales, NM 1994: New Deal Films. VHS. 53 min. Issued on DVD in 2005.

The World's Greatest Fair. Produced and directed by Scott Huegerich and Bob Miano. Narrated by John David. St. Louis 2004: Civil Pictures and Technisonic Studios. DVD & VHS. 113 min.

Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California 1915

The Innocent Fair. San Francisco 1962: KPIX Television. 16mm. 25 min.

The Innocent Fair: A Nostalgic Visit to the Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915 Music. Berkeley, CA 1982: Lowie Museum of Anthropology.

Mabel and Fatty Viewing the World's Fair at San Francisco. Produced by Mack Sennett. Davenport, IA [made 1915]: Blackhawk Films. 16 mm. 15 min.

1915: Panama Pacific Fair. Producer, writer, narrator: Burton Benedict. Director: Monica Fletcher. Berkeley, CA 1984: University of California Educational Television. VHS. 28 min.

Century of Progress International Exposition, Chicago, Illinois 1933-1934

"A Break in the Clouds: Chicago's 1933 World's Fair," an installment of WTTW Chicago's weekly series *Chicago Stories*. Hosted by John Callaway. Produced and written by Mike Leiderman.

Issued (with another *Chicago Stories* installment) on a videocassette with title: *Riverview & 1933 Chicago World's Fair*. Chicago, Network Chicago/WTTW, 2000. Color. ca.30 minutes. VHS.

A Century of Progress Exposition: Around the Fair with Burton Holmes. S.I. 1933: Burton Holmes Films, Inc. 16 mm. 10 min.

Ford at the 1934-35 Fairs. Produced and edited by Lorin Sorensen. Sacramento, CA 1987: Distributed by Towe Ford Museum. VHS. 48 min. Edit of 3 Ford films: *Ford and a Century of Progress* (1934), *Fair in the West* (1935), and *The Honeymoon V8* (1935).

The Water Engine, an American Fable. Written for television by David Mamet; based on his play. Directed by Steven Schachter. Producer: Donald P. Borchers. Atlanta 1992: Turner Multimedia. VHS. 90 min. Originally broadcast on TNT. Part of the dialogue is in and about the Hall of Science.

World's Fair Archival Video, Volume 1: Ford and a Century of Progress; Scenes from the New York World's Fair for 1940. Corrales, NM 1991: New Deal Films. VHS. 29 min.

Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition, Dallas, Texas 1937

Scenes from the Cavalcade of Texas: "An Empire on Parade." Dallas? 1936? B&W (appears sepia). ca. 3 minutes. Original film: 16mm. Production includes Indian, soldiers, Judge Roy Bean, etc. Available on VHS at California State University, Fresno.

California Pacific International Exposition, San Diego, California 1935-1936

Ford at the 1934-35 Fairs. Produced and edited by Lorin Sorensen. Sacramento, CA 1987: Distributed by Towe Ford Museum. VHS. 48 min.

New York World's Fair, New York, New York 1939-1940

"Coney Island," an episode of *The American Experience*. Directed by Ric Burns. Written by Richard Snow. Produced by Ric Burns and Buddy Squires, WGBH Educational Foundation, WNET/Thirteen and the Coney Island Film Project, Inc. Narrated by Philip Bosco. Alexandria, VA 1991: PBS Video. VHS. 58 min.

The Middleton Family at the 1939 New York World's Fair. Orland Park, IL 1993: Moviecraft. VHS. 55 min. Originally produced as a television program in 1939.

New York World's Fair 1939. New York? 1939. Color. ca. 15 minutes. Entering the fair; parking at the fair; various buildings, exhibits and concessions, several interior shots, most of which are very dark and difficult to see anything (e.g., Beech Nut Circus, television at RCA), etc. Available on VHS at California State University, Fresno.

World's Fair Archival Video, Volume 1: Ford and a Century of Progress; Scenes from the New York World's Fair for 1940. Corrales, NM 1991: New Deal Films. VHS. 29 min.

The World of Tomorrow. Produced by Lance Bird and Tom Johnson. Written by John Crowley. Narrated by Jason Robards.

- Santa Monica, CA 1992: Direct Cinema. VHS. 33 min.
- Boston 1989: WGBH. VHS. 67 min.
- New York 1986: Media Study. VHS. 83 min.
- Santa Monica, CA 1985: Direct Cinema. VHS. 84 min.

Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, California 1939-1940

A Fair to Remember. Narrated by Bob McKenzie. San Francisco 1989: KTVU. 55 min.

The Golden Gate International Exposition, Treasure Island, 1939-1940. Version II. Suisun City, CA? 1988: Bartel-Thomsen Pictures, in care of Western Railway Museum. VHS. 54 min.

The Golden Gate International Exposition, Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay, 1939-1940. Oakland, CA 199-?: Bert Gould/Bay Area Archive. VHS. 28 min.

Golden Memories of Treasure Island Fair. Hayward, CA 199-: Hayward Area Historical Society. VHS. ca. 80 min.

N.A.D. [National Association of the Deaf] Day, Golden Gate International Exposition, August 4, 1940. S.I. 1940? VHS. 8 min.

The Once and Future Fair. Narrated by Suzanne Shaw. San Francisco 1989: KRON. 60 min.

Tales of Treasure Island. Narrated by Dave MacElhattan. San Francisco 1989: KPIX. 30 min.

The film footage listed below (by original reel) was most likely shot in 1939. Available on VHS at California State University, Fresno:

- *[Miscellaneous GGIE scenes]* Color. ca. 4 minutes. Original film: 16mm. Scenes include FDR, ships in the bay, a horse race, two female visitors walking about the grounds, an event at the Federal Building.
- *[Miscellaneous scenes on San Francisco Bay?]* Color. ca. 1 minute. Original film: 16mm. Scenes include rowing, ships.
- *[Pageant of the Pacific]* B&W. ca. 2:45 minutes. Original film: 35mm. Five segments, separately titled. Narrated by a man. Some of the same images are in different segments; also the narration is similar in the segments. Appear to have been promotional bits: four of the five segments include an advertisement for a product at the end of the segment.
 1. "Thrilling Beauty": Begins with Tower of the Sun. Offers "guaranteed used cars" for seeing the fair and America's western wonderlands (vendor not named).
 2. "San Francisco": Begins with the "2 great bridges," Tower of the Sun, fountain, dam. Suggests auto travel and offer of "wonderful values in great used cars" (vendor not named).
 3. "The Magic City": Begins with Tower of the Sun, Court of Pacifica, fountain, statue "Pacifica." At end is a scene of two young women in bathing suits drinking Coca-Cola.
 4. "The Pageant of the Pacific": Includes Tower of the Sun, Court of Pacifica.
 5. "Treasure Island": Includes Tower of the Sun, Court of Pacifica.
 Treasure Island: Includes Tower of the Sun, sculpture of two women holding hands (view from back), Court of Pacifica, Elephant Towers. At end is a scene of a young woman drinking Double Cola.
- *San Francisco World's Fair.* Castle Films. B&W (appears sepia). ca. 9 minutes. Original film: 16mm. Various exposition features and scenes including Elephant Towers; Court of the Seven Seas; Tower of the Sun; Court of Flowers; "Cavalcade of the West"; foreign nations' buildings and people; Pacific House; Federal Building mural.
- *[Treasure Island]* B&W. ca. 1:45 minutes. Original film: 35mm. Aerial views of Treasure Island; only in the last is the fair obvious. Includes views of a model of the fair.
- *[Treasure Island]* Color. ca. 30 minutes. Original film: 16mm. Includes construction, parade, various concessions, fairgoers, sculpture.
- *[Treasure Island]* ca. 30 minutes. Includes opening day?, parades, buildings, Gayway attractions, night views, construction. Also has two frames: Paving the Sands of Treasure Island; Presented by the American Bitumuls Company, San Francisco, followed by more fair scenes.
- *Treasure Island. Presented by the Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay.* Color. ca. 30 minutes. Original film: 16mm. Includes buildings, grounds, restaurants, special attractions (e.g., Cavalcade of the Golden West), Gayway concessions (e.g.,

amusement rides, Stella, incubator babies). Then a frame shows "The End" but there is more footage after that: more foreign buildings, amusement attractions, etc.

Century 21 Exhibition, Seattle, Washington 1962

Century 21 Calling. S.I. 1964: Western Electric Co. 16 mm. 14 min.

It Happened at the World's Fair. Produced by Ted Richmond. Directed by Norman Taurog. Written by Si Rose and Seaman Jacobs. Burbank, CA 2004: Warner Home Video. DVD. 105 min. Originally released as a motion picture in 1963.

New York World's Fair, New York, New York 1964-1965

The New York World's Fair. S.I. 1964: Directorate for Armed Forces Information and Education, Department of Defense. 16 mm. 8 min.

The 1964 World's Fair: Relive the Wonder. Produced, written and directed by Rich Hanley. Narrated by Judd Hirsch.

- Harrington Park, NJ 1996: Janson Video. VHS. 60 min.
- S.I. 2001: Image Entertainment. DVD. 52 min.

To the Fair. Directed by Alexander Hammid and Wheaton Galentine.

- S.I. 1964: Francis Thompson Productions; Dist. Association Films. 16 mm. 28 min.
- New York 1965: New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corp. 16 mm. 25 min.

Unisphere: Biggest World on Earth. S.I. 1964: United States Steel Corp. 16 mm. 14 min.

World's Fair Report; and, To the Fair. New York 1965: Presented by the New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corp. Includes: *World's Fair Report*: Written by John Campbell; directed by Jack Tobin; produced by John Campbell Films, Inc.; and *To the Fair*: Directed by Alexander Hammid and Wheaton Galentine; narration written by Edward Field. VHS.

Expo 74, Spokane, Washington 1974

Reflections on the River: EXPO '74. Spokane 1994: KSPS Public Television. VHS. 60 min.

Louisiana World Exposition, New Orleans, Louisiana 1984

The Great Celebration: World's Fair '84. New Orleans 1984: WDSU-TV. VHS. 30 min.

World's Fair Highlights. New Orleans 1984: WDSU-TV. VHS. 29 min.

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