EXPOSITION FILM SOURCES

Exhibition History


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.


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.
• To New Horizons. Sponsor: General Motors Corporation, Department of Public Relations. Producer: Jam Handy Organization. 1940. ca. 14 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.
- **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.


- Bert Gould/Bay Area Archives Collection (1903-1970s): PPIE 1915. Subset “Misc. 16mm. materials and release prints” includes Kodachrome footage of GGIE.


**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.


California Midwinter International Exposition, San Francisco, California 1894


Berliner Gewerbe-Ausstellung, Berlin, Germany 1896

Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, Omaha, Nebraska 1898

Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Missouri 1904


Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California 1915
*The Innocent Fair.* San Francisco 1962: KPIX Television. 16mm. 25 min.


*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.


Century of Progress International Exposition, Chicago, Illinois 1933-1934
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.l. 1933: Burton Holmes Films, Inc. 16 mm. 10 min.


Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition, Dallas, Texas 1937

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

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


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.


• 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


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

- 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.l. 1964: Western Electric Co. 16 mm. 14 min.


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

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

To the Fair. Directed by Alexander Hammid and Wheaton Galentine.
• S.l. 1964: Francis Thompson Productions; Dist. Association Films. 16 mm. 28 min.

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


Expo 74, Spokane, Washington 1974

Louisiana World Exposition, New Orleans, Louisiana 1984