Extent

38 folders, approximately 1,749 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the 1997 Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC). The theme for the 1997 Inaugural was "An American Journey". The Inaugural Committee was responsible for the planning and staging of all the official inaugural events. They worked to prepare guest lists and invitations, they distributed tickets, selected parade units, selected ball and gala entertainers, prepared event lists, provided housing and transportation, built parade reviewing stands and bleachers, arranged the media coverage, authorized the concessions, and marketed a variety of commemorative items including the official program and official medal. The files contain correspondence, memoranda, guest lists, invitations, reports, press articles, newsletters, diagrams, floor plans, schedules, calendars, post cards, and memorabilia (inaugural tickets, badges, credentials, passes, etc.)

Scope and Content Note

Please note that for Case Number 2013-0848-F, the Clinton Library's "withdrawal sheet" and "withdrawal form" cite Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemptions as the authority for withholding certain records. However, FOIA is not the appropriate authority as these records are donated historical material and are not subject to the Federal Records Act (FRA) or the Presidential Records Act. As such, this material should be considered to be withheld under NARA's general restrictions as outlined at 36 CFR 1256.44 to 1256.62. See the following chart. (b)(1) = 36 CFR 1256.46 (b)(2) = 36 CFR 1256.48 (b)(3) = 36 CFR 1256.50 (b)(4) = 36 CFR 1256.52 (b)(5) = 36 CFR 1256.54 (b)(6) = 36 CFR 1256.56 (b)(7) = 36 CFR 1256.58 (b)(8) = 36 CFR 1256.60 (b)(9) = 36 CFR 1256.62" President William J. Clinton was the first Democratic president in over 50 years to win a second term. President Clinton, under the provisions of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act, established the 1997

Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) with the assistance of chairman Terence McAuliffe, Ann Dibble Jordan and the deputy director Kathy Webb. This Inaugural Committee was responsible for the planning and staging of all the official inaugural events. The PIC worked to prepare guest lists and invitations, they distributed tickets, selected parade units, selected ball and gala entertainers, prepared event lists, provided housing and transportation, built parade reviewing stands and bleachers, arranged the media coverage, authorized the concessions, and marketed a variety of commemorative items including the official program and official medal. The theme for the 1997 Inaugural was "An American Journey". There were seven huge tents on the capital mall in Washington, D.C. for all the festivities. The guests to the festivities on the capital mall viewed a giant fireworks display; the fireworks were fired from 10 different locations. Some of the entertainers for the Inaugural festivities included Stevie Wonder, Bernadette Peters, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Kenny G, Yo Yo Ma, Trisha Yearwood, Kenny Rogers, Aretha Franklin and the famous Elmo. The casts of the Broadway musicals "Chicago" and "Bring In 'da Noise, Bring In 'da Funk were also there. There were 14 inaugural balls in 1997; two of them were at the Smithsonian and one at the National Air and Space Museum. The Inaugural Committee estimated that around 100,000 people attended the mall festivities, 100,000 people attended the inaugural ceremonies and parade and over 70,000 tickets to the inaugural balls were sold. The records in this collection contain the Official Guide books, Media Guide books, press releases, and Gala booklets. The records also contain inaugural memorabilia that includes invitations, tickets, credentials, parking passes, Inaugural Packets, and Inaugural programs.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records were found in one collection area - 1997 Inaugural Committee.

Access

Please note that for Case Number 2013-0848-F, the Clinton Library's "withdrawal sheet" and "withdrawal form" cite Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exemptions as the authority for withholding certain records. However, FOIA is not the appropriate authority as these records are donated historical material and are not subject to the Federal Records Act (FRA) or the Presidential Records Act. As such, this material should be considered to be withheld under NARA's general restrictions as outlined at 36 CFR 1256.44 to 1256.62. See the following chart. (b)(1) = 36 CFR 1256.46 (b)(2) = 36 CFR 1256.48 (b)(3) = 36 CFR 1256.50 (b)(4) = 36 CFR 1256.52 (b)(5) = 36 CFR 1256.54 (b)(6) = 36 CFR 1256.56 (b)(7) = 36 CFR 1256.58 (b)(8) = 36 CFR 1256.60 (b)(9) = 36 CFR 1256.62"

Copyright

Researchers are advised to consult the copyright law of the United States (17 U.S.C. Chapter 1) which governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material

Provenance

Donated: Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC) records – 1996-1997

Processed by

Staff Archives Specialist, 2017.

Last Modified Date

2017-02-09

Container List

Box 1
1997 Presidential Inaugural Committee
1997 Clinton PIC [Presidential Inaugural Committee] Memorabilia [OA/ID 43582]
1997 Inauguration Invitations [OA/ID 43585]
1997 Invitations Non-Designated [1] [OA/ID 43583]
1997 Invitations Non-Designated [2] [OA/ID 43583]
1997 Joint Task Force Armed Forces Inaugural Committee [OA/ID 43581]
1997 – The Presidential Inaugural Gala Programs [OA/ID 43576]
53rd Presidential Collectibles [OA/ID 43576]
53rd Presidential Inaugural Credentials [OA/ID 43576]
53rd Presidential Inaugural Media Guide [1] [OA/ID 43576]
Box 2
53rd Presidential Inaugural Media Guide [2] [OA/ID 43576]
53rd Presidential Inaugural Official Guide Book [OA/ID 43577]
53rd Presidential Inaugural Stationery [OA/ID 43577]
“An American Journey: Building a Bridge to the 21st Century” – Program of Events [OA/ID 43577]
[Clinton Memorabilia] [loose] [OA/ID 43584]
Coat Check – Presidential Inaugural Gala [OA/ID 43576]
Envelopes [OA/ID 43576]
Fireworks Invitations – January 18, 1997 [OA/ID 43581]
Folder List [OA/ID 43576]
Inaugural Brunch Invitations, January 18, 1997 [OA/ID 43576]
Inaugural Invitations [OA/ID 43577]
Information – An American Gala [OA/ID 43576]
Information – The Presidential Inaugural Ball [OA/ID 43576]
Information – The Presidential Inaugural Gala [OA/ID 43576]
Invitations to Purchase Tickets [OA/ID 43576]
Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies – Invitations to the Inauguration
[OA/ID 43576]
[Memorabilia: 1993 Presidential Inaugural Newspapers] [OA/ID 40721]
[Memorabilia: “OF Hope and History” by Miller Williams] [OA/ID 40721]
[Memorabilia: Second Inaugural Address of President William J. Clinton] [OA/ID 40721]
Box 3

New Order Forms (Blank) [OA/ID 43567]
Official Inaugural Shuttle Signs [OA/ID 43581]
Parking Passes [OA/ID 43577]
Post Swearing-In Lunch Invitations, January 20, 1997 [OA/ID 43576]
Presidential Inaugural Committee – Invitations to Attend the Inauguration [OA/ID 43577]
Presidential Inaugural Committee – Invitations to the Presidential Inaugural Gala [OA/ID 43577]
Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service [OA/ID 43576]
Press Releases [OA/ID 43577]
Special Request Forms (Blank) [OA/ID 43576]
Transportation Information [OA/ID 43576]