



OBJECT ID	2008.37.29
OBJECT NAME	Block, Printing
OBJECT COLLECTION	Greek Art Printing Company Artifact Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	June 2, 1950
MATERIAL	Lead; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	<p>Damianos, John (is related to)</p> <p>Nomikos, Van (is related to)</p> <p>Pappas, Peter (is related to)</p> <p>Askounis, Theodore (is related to)</p> <p>Farmakis, Niki (is related to)</p> <p>Skoules, Steve (is related to)</p> <p>Sakellariou, Evans (is related to)</p> <p>Glyptis, Nicholas (is related to)</p>
ACCESS POINTS	<p>1950</p> <p>1984</p> <p>Ellas (Davis) Theatre</p> <p>Fustanella</p> <p>Greek Art Printing Company</p> <p>Greek Committee to Aid the Immigrants' Protective League</p> <p>Greek Macedonian Society of Chicago</p> <p>Movie</p> <p>Neo Skopos</p> <p>Old Greek-Town Businessman's Association</p> <p>Philanthropic Society</p> <p>print</p> <p>Printing</p> <p>printing block</p> <p>Program</p> <p>Sponsor</p> <p>Theatre</p> <p>The Greek Committe To Aid The Immigrants' Protective League</p> <p>Tsarouchia</p> <p>Wood</p> <p>ypodetes</p>
OBJECT DESCRIPTION	

Wood and cast lead printing block. Block is rectangular. The printing image is of a standing man in traditional Greek dress and blowing a bugle. The man is wearing the traditional fustanella, fermeli, ypodetes, epiknemides, and tsarouchia. In the background of the print image is a mountain.

ORIGIN

Donated by John Damianos. The printing block was used in a linotype printing machine. Linotype presses allowed for the casting of entire lines to be printed at a time. Linotype printing was eventually succeeded by lithograph printing and computer typesetting during the 1960's and 1970's. This printing block was used by the Chicago-based, The Greek Art Printing Company. The wearing of the fustanella, fermeli, ypodetes, epiknemides, and tsarouchia is the traditional dress of Greece and is still worn for Greek celebrations and as the uniforms of the Evzones, the Greek Presidential Guard. The outfit is not unique to Greece, but is worn as traditional dress by Albanians and Macedonians as well. The outfit was worn by Greeks as a symbol of wealth and status due to how expensive the outfits were to make. This particular printing block was used for the printing of advertisement flyers for the grand opening of Bargain World Greek Grocery on November 6th, 1975. The store opened at 8215 S. Kedzie Avenue. The flyers were printed with both Greek and English text and advertised the store's carrying of Greek olives, olive oil, fresh lamb, cheese, Greek pastries, and Greek wine. The block was also used in the printing of promotional movie flyers for the Ellas (Davis) Theatre located at 4614 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. The theatre, now operated as the Davis Theatre, is still located at the same address. The image is also used on the cover of the program for The Greek Committee To Aid The Immigrants' Protective League's Ninth Annual Benefit held on June 2, 1950. The Greek Committee was formed in 1940 to assist the Immigrants' Protective League in interpreting its work in the community and to assist with the cost of helping immigrants not just of Greek origin but of all nationalities. The image is also used in the printing of sponsor pages for the Greek Macedonian Society of Chicago in the Dinner-Dance programs of the Philanthropic Society "Neo Skopos." The image is also used on the cover of the program for the 1st Annual Dinner-Dance for the Old Greek-Town Businessman's Association.

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