Introduction

The Tim Burton show at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) is billed as a major retrospective of Burton's work as an artist and illustrator, as well as a film director. Many are doubtless familiar with Burton's unique design style. This show features his images in a variety of media, from drawings to puppets to costumes to moving images and more.

Did you know that Burton is a Southern California native? He was born in Burbank, California, in 1958, studied for a time at California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) and worked for Walt Disney Studios!

This guide includes selected resources on Burton and his work that may be of interest to those attending the exhibition through the Visions and Voices trip or on their own. Fittingly, given the dark aspect of much of Burton's work, the LACMA exhibition closes on Halloween, so be sure to get there by the end of the month.

Selected Books

This is a broad sampling of works on Burton in the USC Libraries’ collections. Many more books are available, particularly in the Cinematic Arts Library on the lower level of Doheny Memorial Library.

Tim Burton
By Aurélien Ferenczi
Cinematic Arts Library: PN1998.3.B875F5713 2010

Tim Burton
By Tim Burton
Published as the catalog to his show at the Museum of Modern Art.
Architecture & Fine Arts Library: N6537.B878A4 2009x

Tim Burton: A Child’s Garden of Nightmares
By Paul A. Woods

Gothic Fantasy: The Films of Tim Burton
By Edwin Page
The Films of Tim Burton: Animating Live Action in Contemporary Hollywood
By Alison McMahan
Cinematic Arts Library: PN1998.3.B875M36 2005

Inner Views: Filmmakers in Conversation
By David Breskin
This book includes a chapter on Burton.

Burton on Burton
By Tim Burton

Selected Sound Recordings & Scores

Alice in Wonderland: An Original Walt Disney Records Soundtrack
By Danny Elfman
Music Library: CD-Audio area, 18712mus

Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack
By Danny Elfman
Music Library: CD-Audio area, 9923mus

Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas
By Danny Elfman
For voice and piano, with chord symbols and guitar chord diagrams.
Music Library: Score Collection, M1508.E454N55 1993

Video Recordings

These DVDs are available for check-out from Leavey Library’s circulation desk. They circulate for three days.

Beetlejuice
Directed by Tim Burton
Leavey Library: LVYDVD 2763

Tim Burton’s Corpse Bride
Directed by Tim Burton
Leavey Library: LVYDVD 1411

Edward Scissorhands
Directed by Tim Burton
Leavey Library: LVYDVD 283