Welcome! V&V LibGuide: Tim Burton

Welcome to the Tim Burton Research Guide, intended to augment the USC Visions & Voices October 7, 2011 tour (places by lottery) of the exhibition of Tim Burton's work at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA).

Tim Burton Retrospective at LACMA

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.

The USC Libraries' electronic reference resource "Biography Resource Center," which includes more than one database, includes several biographies of the filmmaker. The "Gale Biography in Context" sketch on Burton is fairly extensive.

Did you know that Burton is a Southern California native? According to both the Gale sketch and the LACMA exhibition site, 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!

The tabs on this guide link to several selected resources on Burton and his work that may be of interest to those attending the exhibition through the Visions & Voices trip, or on their own. Fittingly, given the dark aspect of much of Burton's work, the LACMA exhibition closes on Hallowe'en, October 31, so be sure to get there in September or October!
Selected Books on Burton and His Works

This is simply 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.

  Call Number: Doheny Library Special Collections: PR4611.A72N6 2010 (in house use)
  ISBN: 0756665985X
  Publication Date: 2010
  This book is part of Special Collections' Cassady Collection on Alice in Wonderland materials. For more details, see the Special Collections Research Guide: http://libguides.usc.edu/specialcollections

- **Tim Burton - Aurélien Ferenczi**
  Call Number: Cinematic Arts Library (Doheny lower level): PN1998.3.B875 F5713 2010
  ISBN: 2866425685
  Publication Date: 2010

- **Tim Burton**
  Call Number: Architecture & Fine Arts Library: N6537.B878A4 2009x
  ISBN: 0870707604
  Publication Date: 2009
  Published as the catalog to his show at the Museum of Modern Art

- **Tim Burton : a child's garden of nightmares** - Paul A. Woods
  ISBN: 085965401X
  Publication Date: 2007

- **Gothic fantasy : the films of Tim Burton** - Edwin Page
  Call Number: Cinematic Arts Library (Lower level of Doheny): PN1998.3.B875P34 2007
  ISBN: 0714531324
  Publication Date: 2007

- **The films of Tim Burton : animating live action in contemporary Hollywood** - Alison McMahan
  Call Number: Cinematic Arts Library (Lower level of Doheny): PN1998.3.B875M36 2005
  ISBN: 0826415660
  Publication Date: 2005

- **Inner views : filmmakers in conversation** - David Breskin
  Call Number: Leavey Library: PN1998.2.B74 1997
Burton on Burton - Tim Burton
Call Number: Cinematic Arts Library (Doheny lower level): PN1998.3.B87A3 1995
ISBN: 0571173926
Publication Date: 1995
British publication.

* Asterisk in guide title indicates core subject guide
Selected Sound Recordings from Burton and his works

**Alice in Wonderland** [sound recording]: an original Walt Disney Records soundtrack - Danny Elfman
Call Number: Music Library (lower level of Doheny): CD-Audio area: 18712mus
Publication Date: 2010
Alice's theme -- Little Alice -- Proposal ; Down the hole -- Doors -- Drink me -- Into the garden -- Alice reprise #1 -- Bandersnatched -- Finding Absolem -- Alice reprise #2 -- The Cheshire Cat -- Alice and Bayard's journey -- Alice reprise #3 -- Alice escapes -- The White Queen -- Only a dream -- The dungeon -- Alice decides -- Alice reprise #4 -- Going to battle -- The final confrontation -- Blood of the Jabberwocky -- Alice returns -- Alice reprise #5.

**Tim Burton's the nightmare before Christmas** [sound recording]: original motion picture soundtrack - Danny Elfman
Call Number: Music Library (lower level of Doheny): CD-Audio area: 9923mus
Publication Date: 1993
Contents: Overture -- Opening -- This is Halloween -- Jack's lament -- Doctor Finklestein ; In the forest -- What's this? -- Town meeting song -- Jack and Sally montage -- Jack's obsession -- Kidnap the Sandy Claws -- Making Christmas -- Nabbed -- Oogie Boogie's song -- Sally's song -- Christmas Eve montage -- Poor Jack -- To the rescue -- Finale ; Reprise -- Closing -- End title.

**Tim Burton's the nightmare before Christmas** - Danny Elfman
Call Number: Music Library (Lower level of Doheny) Score Collection: M1508.E454N55 1993
ISBN: 0793528275
Publication Date: 1993
For voice and piano, with chord symbols and guitar chord diagrams.
Video Recordings - Visions & Voices: Tim Burton Exhibition at LACMA - LibGuides at University of Southern California

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Video Recordings

Selected Burton-Related Videos in the USC Libraries

- **Beetlejuice [videorecording]** - Michael Bender
  Call Number: Leavey Library: DVD Collection at Circulation: LVYDVD 2763
  ISBN: 1419868381
  Publication Date: 2008

- **Tim Burton’s Corpse Bride [videorecording]** - Warner Home Video
  Call Number: Leavey Library: DVD Collection at Circulation: LVYDVD 1411
  ISBN: 1419802461
  Publication Date: 2006

- **Edward Scissorhands [videorecording]** - Tim Burton
  Call Number: Leavey Library: DVD Collection and Circulation: LVYDVD 283
  Publication Date: 2000

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Web Sites

- The Official Tim Burton Web Site
  Interactive site lets visitors control Burton's cartoon character "Stain Boy" as he walks through a gallery! (Requires Adobe Flash browser plug-in).
- Tim Burton on the Internet Movie Database (IMDb)
- The Tim Burton Collective
  Fan site; in-depth information
- "New York Times" stories on Tim Burton

Videos: Stainboy

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Videos: Tim Burton at MoMA

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Videos; Burton on "Alice" Effects

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