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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Luis M. Meza Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1993-1997

**Collection number:** 40

**Creator:** Luis M. Meza

**Extent:** 1 linear foot

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA  
Los Angeles, California 90095-1490

**Abstract:** The collection consists of papers related to Meza's two films. A short: Who Gets to Water the Grass? And his feature film: The Staccato Purr of the Exhaust (working title, You Lose). Various work prints, Beta tapes, VHS tapes, final film prints and screening cassettes are also a part of the collection. \*\*Please note that accents have been eliminated in order to accomodate and facilitate the use of all types of web browsers. Researchers who would like to indicate errors of fact or omissions in this finding aid can contact the archivist at [archivist@chicano.ucla.edu](mailto:archivist@chicano.ucla.edu)

**Physical location:** Currently located at the Chicano Studies Archive, 180 Haines Hall, UCLA. All film masters and prints will be stored at the UCLA Film and Television Archive. In the future papers realted to this collection will be stored at the UCLA Southern Regional Library Facility.

**Language of Material:** Collection materials in English

**Access**

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**Preferred Citation**

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Biography**

Born in Mexico Luis came to the U.S.A. as a young boy and grew up in the Highland Park district of Los Angeles. Meza attended Loyola Marymount University, majoring in Communication Arts where he made his first narrative short film, Who gets to Water the Grass? After working at entry level jobs in the film industry he attended UCLA in the Master's program for Film and Television writing.

Luis Meza was a participant in the Walt Disney Writer's Fellowship where he wrote and developed material with executives at Hollywood Pictures and he was also invited to the Sundance Institute as a screenwriting fellow.

Meza's feature film, which he wrote and directed, The Staccato Purr of the Exhaust was selected by the Sundance Film Festival in 1996.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of papers related to Meza's two films, his short, Who Gets to Water the Grass?, and his feature film, The Staccato Purr of the Exhaust (working title, You Lose). Various work prints, negative cuts, Beta tapes, VHS tapes, final film prints and screening

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cassettes are also a part of the collection.

### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

### **Subjects**

Luis M. Meza

chicano

feature film

Los Angeles

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust

Who Gets to Water the Grass?

You Lose

#### **Box 1, Folder 1 Luis M. Meza Papers n.d., 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
Working title: "You Lose"  
Talent representative memo  
Mambo casting schedule  
Mambo casting fax  
Mambo casting Schedule  
Mambo talent information form  
Letter to Orlette Ruiz of Mambo casting  
Introduction to Story  
Casting specs  
Casting notice

#### **Box 1, Folder 2 Luis M. Meza Papers nd**

**Physical Description:** Papers

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
Working title: "You Lose"  
Crew list  
Cast list

#### **Box 1, Folder 3 Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

#### **Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
Working title: "You Lose"  
"You Lose" Screenplay

Box 1, Folder 4 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
Working title: "You Lose"  
Partial screenplay

Box 1, Folder 5 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d., 1992**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Weathermen and Women  
3 Weathermen and  
Women Screenplays

Box 1, Folder 6 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Film and TV 434 papers  
Step outline  
2 page synopsis  
Character sketches

Box 1, Folder 7 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust.  
Working title: "You Lose"  
key code sheets

Box 1, Folder 8 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1992**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Weathermen and Women  
Letters to UCLA staff and faculty  
from L.M. Meza: Informing  
of intent to produce narrative short

Box 1, Folder 9 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Breakdown sheets

Box 1, Folder 10 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1996,1997**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Festival Programs  
Sundance Film Festival 1996  
Cinefestival 1996  
Newport Beach Film Festival 1997  
Virginia Film Festival 1996  
Denver Film Festival 1996

Box 1, Folder 11 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1996,1997**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Flyers for Sundance screenings

Box 1, Folder 12 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Flyers and postcards for free screening  
at Laemmle's Santa Monica 4-plex

Box 1, Folder 13 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Promo Stickers, postcards, and business cards.

Box 1, Folder 14 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Filming permits

Box 1, Folder 15 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Dailies receipts

Box 1, Folder 16 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Weathermen and Women  
Panavision rental insurance

Box 1, Folder 17 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Photos

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose" Actor photos, rejects

Box 2, Folder 1 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Shooting report

Box 2, Folder 2 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Photos

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Actor photos

Box 2, Folder 3 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Screenplay

Box 2, Folder 4 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Camera package receipts

Box 2, Folder 5 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Shooting schedule

Box 2, Folder 6 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Props list

Box 2, Folder 7 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Online Schedule

Box 2, Folder 8 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Cast list

Box 2, Folder 9 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Shooting schedule

Box 2, Folder 10 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
resumes

Box 2, Folder 11 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Aimee Peterson continuity notebook

Box 2, Folder 12 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
One liner  
Sounder one liner

Box 2, Folder 13 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Call sheets

Box 2, Folder 14 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Lab purchase orders

Box 2, Folder 15 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993**

**Physical Description:** Printed materials

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Camera reports

Box 2, Folder 16 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1992,1993**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Weathermen and Women  
Notice of graduate standing  
proposed shooting schedule

Box 2, Folder 17 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1993, 1996, n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Production notes, cast notes,  
synopsis, credits and press  
reviews.

Box 3, Folder 1 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 2 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

1/4 inch sound reel for Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 3 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS copy from U-Matic for Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 4 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm magnetic track for Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 5 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm B/wind optical track for Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 6 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film masters

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm print of Who Gets to Water the Grass?

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 3, Folder 7 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d.**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic of Who Gets to Water the Grass?

U-matic copy

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 1 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical pre final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 1

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 2 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical pre final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 2

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 3 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical pre final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 3

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 4 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical pre final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 4

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 5 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical pre final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 5

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 6 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 1

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 7 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 2

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 8 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 3

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 9 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 4

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 10 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm optical final mix of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
reel 5

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 11 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film masters

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm print of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 12 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
box 1

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 13 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
box 2

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 14 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
box 3

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 15 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
box 4

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 16 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

16mm a/b negative of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
box 5

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 17 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm work prints of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print with its matching magnetic track, reel 1

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 18 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm work prints of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print with its matching magnetic track, reel 2

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 19 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm work prints of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print with its matching magnetic track, reel 3

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 20 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm work prints of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print with its matching magnetic track, reel 4

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 21 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

35mm work prints of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print with its matching magnetic track, reel 5

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 22 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

Beta tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
One copy from a dirty work print with a scratch mix

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 23 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
time code copy

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 24 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
2nd time code copy

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 25 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Final cut

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 26 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Final cut copy 2

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 27 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Final cut copy 3

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 28 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Final cut copy 4

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 29 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1996]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

VHS tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
Final cut copy 5

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 30 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print set 1, part 1,  
set of 2 reels in various stages of  
post production. No music

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 31 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print set 1, part 2  
set of 2 reels in various stages of  
post production. No music

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 32 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print, set 2, part 1  
set of 2reels in various stages  
of post production

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 33 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print, set 2, part 2  
set of 2 reels in various stages  
of post production.

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 34 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1996**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print, set 3, part 1  
set of 2 reels in various stages of post production. NTSC original transfer master

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 35 **Luis M. Meza Papers 1996**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print, set 3, part 2  
set of 2 reels in various stages  
of post production. NTSC original transfer master

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 4, Folder 36 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Physical Description:** Film elements

**Scope and Content Note**

U-matic tape of Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
work print, set 4, part 1  
set of 2 reels in various stages of post production.

**Note**

Materials archived at the UCLA Film and Television Archive

Box 5, Folder 1 **Luis M. Meza Papers n.d. [1995]**

**Physical Description:** Papers

**Scope and Content Note**

Staccato Purr of the Exhaust  
working title: "You Lose"  
shooting schedule board  
paper copies of board pages