RESEARCHING CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS
A GUIDE TO RESOURCES IN THE CIA LIBRARY

Quick tips for finding information on artists, artists groups, photographers, craftspeople, designers, architects, and design firms

FINDING BOOKS & EXHIBITION CATALOGS
Use the library’s online catalog to search the name of the person, group or firm as a SUBJECT to find books and one-person exhibition catalogs. To find books written by them, search their name as an AUTHOR. You might find additional books and exhibition catalogs if you search the name as a KEYWORD.

The Contemporary Artists Index lists artists, artists groups, photographers, craftspeople, designers, and design firms whose work appears in group exhibition catalogs added to the library's collection since 1991. Many exhibition catalogs provide biographical information.

Are the items you want unavailable? Check the OhioLINK catalog and request the items be sent to the CIA Library for your use.

FINDING PERIODICAL ARTICLES
Search the name of the person, group or firm using the library's online databases. Each database includes a variety of different publications, so for the best results, try more than one.

Art Source covers art from prehistory to the present; indexes articles as well as reproductions published since 1984 in international art periodicals; provides abstracts; and includes many full text articles. Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals covers architecture, architectural design, interior design, and furniture and decoration. When searching either of these databases, you can also search Biography Reference Bank at the same time. Design and applied arts index covers all aspects of design and crafts, from textiles and ceramics to vehicle design, advertising and sustainability. Links to all of the above can be found on the library's web page.

OTHER RESOURCES
Oxford Art Online--includes Grove Art Online and other Oxford University Press publications
Artcyclopedia--a guide to art and art sites on the Internet
ArtNet--an art market commercial site with information and images
AskART--an online database of art images, artist biographies and bibliographies, auction and sale records, and exhibitions.
Rhizome: Art and Technology--an online community and discussion forum about new media and artists who are involved in emerging artistic practices that engage technology

WHAT ABOUT IMAGES?
For digital images, try ARTstor, or any of the other resources listed in the Find Digital Images section of the library homepage. Videos and DVDs are listed in the library's online catalog and can be found using the special browse feature on the library's web page.
CIA LIBRARY REFERENCE BOOKS


LIBRARY LINKS
The library's online catalog and resources are available to CIA students, faculty and staff, anytime, on any computer, from anywhere!

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