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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MSS 23

CREATOR: Courtney, Cathy

TITLE: Cathy Courtney collection of artists' books ephemera

DATES: 1977–2003

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection comprises printed and manuscript material concerning contemporary British artists' books, compiled by Cathy Courtney. It includes exhibition invitations and announcements; press releases; prospectuses; catalogs; curricula vitae; correspondence; newsletters; interviews; artist's statements; brochures; and news articles.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Yale Center for British Art, Gift of Cathy Courtney

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open without restriction.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Cathy Courtney collection of artists' books ephemera, Yale Center for British Art, Gift of Cathy Courtney

Biographical / Historical

Cathy Courtney is a noted author and researcher on the topic of British artists' books. She became interested in artists' books in the 1980s after she encountered them in New York City. In 1983, she began to write about artists' books in a column for *Art Monthly*, covering the artists' books scene in Great Britain. Her column and subsequent publications surfaced the lively debates about what an artist book is or is not, highlighted the works of artists, and raised awareness about artists' books more broadly.

Scope and Contents

The collection comprises printed and manuscript material concerning contemporary British artists' books, compiled by Cathy Courtney. It includes exhibition invitations and announcements; press releases; prospectuses; catalogs; curricula vitae; correspondence; newsletters; interviews; artist's statements; brochures; and news articles. Most of the material dates from the late 1980s through the 1990s, a period of growing interest and scholarship regarding artists' books in Great Britain.

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Artists' books ephemera

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b. 1, f. 4	Alaska	1992 July 10– 1992 July 31
b. 1, f. 5	Artemis, Sophie	1993 January 21– 1993 February 3
b. 1, f. 6	Artists' Books	1995 April 1
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b. 1, f. 8	Bank	1995 May 20– 1997 July 27
b. 1, f. 9	Banner, Fiona	1977 May 2–1977 June 21
b. 1, f. 10	Barker, Dale Deverux	1989 October 1
b. 1, f. 11	Berger, John	1995 May 1
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b. 1, f. 13	Bicknell, Les	1993 April 15– 1995 June 4
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b. 1, f. 15	Blank Page	1988–1991 October 10
b. 1, f. 16	Block Studios	undated
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b. 1, f. 18	Book Works	1984–1995 November 30
b. 1, f. 19	B is for Book	1992 March 21– 1992 May 17

b. 1, f. 20	Bookworks Exhibition	1994 November 12–1994 December 10
b. 1, f. 21	Bound Image	undated
b. 1, f. 22	Brewster, Martyn	1995 August 15
b. 1, f. 23	Britist Artis Book Makers Conference	1993 September 16–1993 September 18
b. 1, f. 24	The British Library	undated
b. 1, f. 25	Brought To Book	1995 December 21
b. 1, f. 26	Buchler, Pavel	1986–1997 December 17
b. 1, f. 27	Burning Book Press	undated
b. 1, f. 28	Bury, Stephen	1995 November 9
b. 1, f. 29	Camberwell College of Arts	1995 June 19
b. 1, f. 30	Campbell, Ken	1989 October 25–1990 June 15
b. 1, f. 31	Campbell, Marcus	1993 September 16
b. 1, f. 32	Campbell, Meg	1994 September 29–1995
b. 1, f. 33	Cast Iron Press	1994 March 21–1994 November 10
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b. 1, f. 36	Chaimowicz, Marc Camille	1998 September 1–1998 September 28
b. 1, f. 37	Chaplin, Stephen	1992 February 24
b. 1, f. 38	Chelsea School of Art	undated
b. 1, f. 39	Circle Press	1995–1996
b. 1, f. 40	Clarke, Kevin	undated

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b. 1, f. 42	Coleman, Les	1994 March 3– 1997 August 9
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b. 1, f. 44	Cornford & Cross	1996 January 19
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b. 1, f. 46	Craig-Martin, Michael	1997 February 12–1997 March 15
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b. 1, f. 48	Cutts, Simon	1989 February 18–1989 June 2
b. 2, f. 1	d'Arbeloff, Natalie	1985 February 15–1992 October 10
b. 2, f. 2	Dawes, Graeme	1996 May 3
b. 2, f. 3	Dean, Tacita	1995 June 8
b. 2, f. 4	Delville, Chris	1995 September 30
b. 2, f. 5	Desmet, Anne	1994 September 13–1995 November 6
b. 2, f. 6	Dine, Jim	1993 September 1
b. 2, f. 7	Dodds, James	1990 March 1– 1995 November 4
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b. 2, f. 9	Duffin, John	undated
b. 2, f. 10	Eagle Gallery	1992–1995 June 4
b. 2, f. 11	Enitharmon Press	1991–1996 October 6
b. 2, f. 12	Firmin, Sarah	1995 September 4
b. 2, f. 13	Fisher, Snadra	1994

b. 2, f. 14	Flying Sugar Press	1991 May 1–1995 October 1
b. 2, f. 15	Frost, Terry	1989 October 1
b. 2, f. 16	Gefn Press	1977–1997 September 1
b. 2, f. 17	Glynn Vivian Art Gallery	1995 August 12– 1995 September 25
b. 2, f. 18	Goldsworth, Andy	undated
b. 2, f. 19	Hardware Gallery	1989 December 8–1995 December 2
b. 2, f. 20	Haxby, Clare	1989 June 17– 1989 June 25
b. 2, f. 21	Heron, Susanna	1992 December 10
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b. 2, f. 23	Horl, Mikel	1992 January 19– 1995 November 7
b. 2, f. 24	IFLA	1992 April 13– 1992 April 16
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b. 2, f. 26	Inky Parrot Press	1985 July 25
b. 2, f. 27	Instone, Jeff	1991 January 1
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b. 2, f. 29	Jubb, Daniel	1993
b. 2, f. 30	Kamikaze Press	1990 January 20–2000 July 4
b. 2, f. 31	Karsten Shubert Ltd.	1987–1992 June 27
b. 2, f. 32	Kempen, Tony	1994–2003 March 21
b. 2, f. 33	Keon, Gerry	1994 October 1
b. 2, f. 34	Kerb Scrawlers	1994 November 1–1994 December 17

b. 2, f. 35	Kessler, Rob	1989 December 16–1992 March 21
b. 2, f. 36	Kivland, Sharon	1994 December 1–1994 December 9
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b. 2, f. 39	Kowalsky, Elaine	1988 May 18–1988 July 3
b. 2, f. 40	Laglands and Bell	1982–1995 November 18
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b. 2, f. 46	McLean, Bruce	1987 March 9–1987 April 4
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b. 3, f. 1	Miller, Garry Fabian	1992 March–1992 April
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b. 3, f. 7	The Old Stile Press	1995–1996
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b. 3, f. 13	Patterson, Simon	1994 June 21– 1994 July 6
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b. 3, f. 17	The Reading Room	1994 March– 1994 May
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b. 3, f. 20	Reed, Jeremy	1985 April 19
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b. 3, f. 22	Rindl, Deb	1997 July 20
b. 3, f. 23	Rocket Gallery	1995 February 28–1997 June 7
b. 3, f. 24	Road Books	1992 July 14– 1993
b. 3, f. 25	The Ruskin Gallery	1994 January 22
b. 3, f. 26	John Rylands Research Institute	1995–1996 April 20
b. 3, f. 27	St James's Art Books	1995 December 1
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b. 3, f. 29	Senior, Gordon	1995 February 7– 1995 June 3
b. 3, f. 30	Small Press Fair	1992 September 19
b. 3, f. 31	Something Else Press	2000 March 1

b. 3, f. 32	Staples, Tim	1995
b. 3, f. 33	Sykes, Sandy	1987 April 12– 1994 November 1
b. 3, f. 34	Szczeklun, Stefan	1993–1995
b. 3, f. 35	Taylor, Chris	1993
b. 3, f. 36	Tea	undated
b. 3, f. 37	Tilson, Jake	1986 October 9– 1999
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b. 3, f. 39	Twigg, Christopher	1992 July 15– 1992 October 26
b. 3, f. 40	University of Brighton Book Art Competition	1994 December– 1995 May 5
b. 4, f. 1	University of Derby Gallery	1995–1996 February 1
b. 4, f. 2	Usher Gallery	1987
b. 4, f. 3	V&A Museum	1993–1996 February 1
b. 4, f. 4	Vowles, Hannah	1985
b. 4, f. 5	Wenyon and Gamble	1980–1998 April
b. 4, f. 6	Wexford Arts Centre	1995 May 1–1997
b. 4, f. 7	Willats, Stephen	1991–1997
b. 4, f. 8	Wooten, Mick	1993–1995
b. 4, f. 9	Words& Pictures	1995 November 28
b. 4, f. 10	Workfortheyetodo	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Artists' books -- Great Britain
Artists' books -- Great Britain -- Catalogs
Artists' books -- Great Britain -- Exhibitions
Artists -- Great Britain
Book artists
Private presses

Genres / Formats

Artists' books
Artists' statements
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Blamey, David, 1961-
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Büchler, Pavel
Campbell, Ken, 1939-2022
Coleman, Les, 1945-2013
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Cutts, Simon, 1944-
D'Arbeloff, Natalie
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Dodds, James, 1957-
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Kessler, Rob
King, Ron, 1932-
Kowalsky, Elaine, 1948-
Lanyon, Andrew
Lijn, Liliane, 1939-
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Parks, Ti
Patterson, Simon, 1967-
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Senior, Gordon, 1942-
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Szczelkun, Stefan A.
Tilson, Jake, 1958-
Wenyon, Michael
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Corporate Bodies

Book Works (Organization)
Circle Press
Eagle Gallery (London, England)
Enitharmon Press
Gefn Press
Hardware Gallery (London, England)
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John Rylands Research Institute
Kamikaze Press
Knife Edge Press
Langlands & Bell
Liver & Lights Scriptorium
Old Stile Press
Paragon Press
Redstone Press
Road Books (Garravagh, Ireland)
Rocket Gallery
Victoria and Albert Museum
Wexford Arts Centre
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