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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Artist baseball trading cards
Date:	1971, 1975
Identifier:	AAA.artball
Creator:	Celender, Don, 1931-2005 Mandel, Mike
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	Artist baseball trading cards include five sets of Artball cards created by artist Don Celender in 1971, featuring artists, gallery owners and other art related figures. Each set includes 20 cards and the front of each card features an artist's face that is superimposed onto a baseball player's face. Each card also includes a team name and player position. The verso features a work of art associated with the particular artist. Each set is enclosed in its own trading card box labeled "Artball" with set number.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2022 by Harriet Siden.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Ricky Gomez in 2022.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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Biographical / Historical

Don Celender (1931-2005) was a conceptual artist in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1971, he created Artball trading cards. Mike Mandel (1950-) is a photographer in Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Contents

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Set one features Josef Albers, Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, Alberto Giacometti, Robert Morris, Richard Pousette-Dart, Franz Kline, Jean Dubuffet, Georges Roualt, Leo Castelli, Isamu Noguchi, Anthony Caro, Vincent van Gogh, Marisol, Gerald Clarke, Bernhard Berenson, Albert P. Ryder, Fernand Leger, Horace Pippin and Paul Jenkins. Set two features Helen Frankenthaler, George Luks, Hans Hofmann, Georges Braque, Victor Vasarely, Marc Chagall, Martha Jackson, Henry Moore, Richard Lippold, Raoul Dufy, Alfred H. Barr Jr., David Smith, Bradley Walker Tomlin, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pavel Tchelitchew, Grandma Moses, Arthur B. Davies, Albert Alexander Smith, Tony Smith, Allan Appel, J. Carter Brown. Set three features Robert Rauschenberg, William Glackens, Tom Wesselmann, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, Thomas Hart Benton, Édouard Manet, Henri Matisse, Adolph Gottlieb, Wassily Kandinsky, Yves Tanguy, Ivan Karp, Donald Judd, Larry Rivers, Thomas Eakins, Willem de Kooning, George Segal, Grace Hartigan, Jackson Pollock, Robert Henri and John Marin. Set four features John Chamberlain, Henri Rousseau, Hans Hartung, Ibram Lassaw, Ozenfant, John Goodrich, Hilton Kramer, Ray Johnson, Roy Lichtenstein, Jacques Lipchitz, Barnett Newman, Ad Reinhardt, Peggy Guggenheim, Bridget Riley, Matta, Rufino Tamayo, Piet Mondrian, Andrew Wyeth, Everett Shinn and Richard Lindner. The fifth and final set features Jasper Johns, Piet Mondrian, Dan Flavin, Thomas B. Hess, Mark Rothko, Pablo Picasso, Patrick Caulfield, Claes Oldenburg, Alexander Liberman, Alexander Calder, Andy Warhol, Ossip Zadkine, Pierre Soulages, Charles Burchfield, Clyfford Still, Allan Kaprow, Sidney Janis, Dorothy C. Miller and Sam Francis.

Also included is a set of 10 artist baseball cards created by photographer Mike Mandel in 1975. Artists photographed as baseball players include Harold Allen, Manuel Bravo, Pete Bunnell, Don Drowty, Betty Hahn, Gary Metz, Joel Meyerowitz, Beaumont Newhall, Eve Sonneman, and Paul Vanderbilt.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

- Series 1: Artist Baseball Trading Cards, 1971, 1975 (0.2 linear feet; Box 1)
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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Occupations:

Conceptual artists -- Pennsylvania -- Pittsburgh
Photographers -- California -- Los Angeles

Container Listing

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Box 1, Folder 1 Set #1, 1971

Box 1, Folder 2 Set #2, 1971

Box 1, Folder 3 Set #3, 1971

Box 1, Folder 4 Set #4, 1971

Box 1, Folder 5 Set #5, 1971

Box 1, Folder 6 Mike Mandel Cards, 1975

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