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A Finding Aid to the B. R. Kornblatt Gallery Records,
1971-1992, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	B.R. Kornblatt Gallery records
Identifier:	AAA.brkornbl
Date:	1971-1992
Extent:	4.1 Linear feet
Creator:	B. R. Kornblatt Gallery
Language:	The collection is in English.
Summary:	The records of the B. R. Kornblatt Gallery of Baltimore, Md. and Washington, D.C. measure 4.1 linear feet and date from 1971 to 1992. The collection consists primarily of artists' files along with a few exhibition files and sales records.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The B.R. Kornblatt Gallery records were donated by Barbara R. Kornblatt in 1992.

Processing Information

The collection was processed and a finding aid prepared by Sarah Mundy in 2016 with funding from the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care Pool Fund, using accelerated processing strategies implemented by the Archives to increase information about and access to more of our collections. For this collection, accelerated processing included arrangement to the series, subseries and folder levels, adhering to the creator's original arrangement as much as possible. Generally, folder contents were simply verified with the original folder titles, but items within folders were not arranged further. All materials were rehoused in archival folders and boxes for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

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Biographical / Historical

Barbara R. Kornblatt established the B. R. Kornblatt Gallery in 1975 on 326 North Charles Street in Baltimore, Maryland. The gallery specialized in American painting, sculpture, and works on paper. In 1980, Kornblatt moved the gallery to 406 Seventh Street, N.W. in Washington, D. C. where it became the mainstay of downtown commercial art galleries. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the gallery began feeling the effects of the economic recession, and then suffered a fire in the building. Kornblatt closed the gallery in 1991.

Scope and Contents

The records of the B. R. Kornblatt Gallery of Baltimore, Md. and Washington, D.C. measure 4.1 linear feet and date from 1971 to 1992. The collection consists primarily of artists' files along with a few exhibition files and sales records.

Exhibition files are found for the Chicago International Art Exposition (1983-1988), the *International Sculpture '90* (1990) exhibition, and exhibitions of African art. Artists' files contain correspondence, photographs and slides, resumes, and financial and printed material for numerous artists associated with the gallery or of interest to the gallery, including Mel Chin, Jerry Clapsaddle, Gene Davis, John Ferguson, Wolf Kahn, Willem de Looper, Helen Frankenthaler, Ronnie Landfield, Manuel Neri, Sol LeWitt, Robert Motherwell, Robert Rauschenberg, Karl Rosenberg, Amalie Rothschild, Frank Stella, Michael Todd, John Van Alstine, and others. The collection also contains sales records.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 3 series.

- Series 1: Exhibition Files, 1981-1990 (0.5 linear feet; Box 1)
- Series 2: Artists' Files, 1971-1992 (3.0 linear feet; Box 1-4, OV 5)
- Series 3: Sales Records, 1988-1992 (0.5 linear feet; Box 4)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, African -- 20th century -- Exhibitions
Art, Modern -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

Gallery records
Photographs

Names:

Chicago International Art Exposition
Chin, Mel, 1951-
Clapsaddle, Jerry, 1941-
Davis, Gene, 1920-1985
De Looper, Willem
Ferguson, John, 1939-
Frankenthaler, Helen, 1928-2011
Kahn, Wolf, 1927-
Kornblatt, Barbara R. (Barbara Rodbell), 1931-
Landfield, Ronnie, 1947-
LeWitt, Sol, 1928-2007
Motherwell, Robert
Neri, Manuel, 1930-
Rauschenberg, Robert, 1925-2008
Rosenberg, Karl
Rothschild, Amalie, 1916-
Stella, Frank
Todd, Mike, 1935-
Van Alstine, John, 1952-

Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- Maryland -- Baltimore
Art galleries, Commercial -- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Exhibition Files , 1981-1990

0.5 Linear feet (Box 1)

Exhibition files are for the Chicago International Art Exposition (1983-1988), the *International Sculpture '90* (1990) exhibition, and exhibitions of African art.

Box 1, Folder 1-7	Chicago International Art Exposition (1983-1988), 1981-1988
Box 1, Folder 8	<i>International Sculpture '90</i> (1990), Presented by The International Sculpture Center , 1990
Box 1, Folder 9-10	Exhibitions of African Art, 1987-1991

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Series 2: Artists' Files, 1971-1992

3.1 *Linear feet (Boxes 1-4, OV 5)*

Files for artists represented by or of interest to the gallery contain correspondence with clients and artists, mockups for catalogs and announcements, photographs, resumes and artist statements, slides, price lists, sales and loan documents, and printed material. Among the artists represented are Mel Chin, Jerry Clapsaddle, Gene Davis, John Ferguson, Agnes Jacobs, Wolf Kahn, Willem de Looper, Helen Frankenthaler, Ronnie Landfield, Roger Laux Nelson, Manuel Neri, Sol LeWitt, Robert Motherwell, Karl Rosenberg, Amalie Rothschild, Frank Stella, Michael Todd, John Van Alstine, James Voshell, and others.

Box 1, Folder 11	Acconci, Vito , 1988-1990
Box 1, Folder 12	Allen-Efstathiou, Judith , 1980-1991
Box 1, Folder 13	Allen, Katherine , 1980-1987
Box 1, Folder 14	Avedon, Richard , 1975-1978
Box 1, Folder 15	Bochner, Mel , 1989
Box 1, Folder 16	Brady, Carolyn , 1983-1984
Box 1, Folder 17	Brassaï , 1976
Box 1, Folder 18	Buren, Daniel , 1989-1990
Box 1, Folder 19	Calaway, Loren , 1988-1990
Box 1, Folder 20	Chia, Sandro , 1982-1988
Box 1, Folder 21	Chin, Mel , 1990-1991
Box 1, Folder 22	Clapsaddle, Jerry , 1986-1990
Box 1, Folder 23	Clemons, Susan , 1984-1988
Box 1, Folder 24	Cooper, Ruffin , 1982
Box 1, Folder 25	Crile, Susan , 1989-1990
Box 1, Folder 26-27	Davis, Gene , 1988-1991
Box 1, Folder 28-30	De Looper, Willem , 1979-1992

Box 2, Folder 1	El-Hanani, Jacob , 1989
Box 2, Folder 2-4	Ferguson, John , 1976-1991 Oversized material housed in OV 5
Box 2, Folder 5	Ferrara, Jackie , 1986-1988
Box 2, Folder 6	Frankenthaler, Helen , 1972-1986
Box 2, Folder 7	Freund, Gisèle , 1975-1977
Box 2, Folder 8	Gastini, Marco , circa 1980
Box 2, Folder 9	Greenleaf, Ken , 1977-1984
Box 2, Folder 10	Jacobs, Agnes, 1988-1991
Box 2, Folder 11	Jacobs, Jim , 1984-1988
Box 2, Folder 12	Jackson-Jarvis, Martha , circa 1991
Box 2, Folder 13-15	Kahn, Wolf, 1972-1992
Box 2, Folder 16	Keerl, Bayat , 1987-1990
Box 2, Folder 17	Kimler, Wesley , 1985-1987
Box 2, Folder 18	Knipp, Chris , 1981-1990
Box 2, Folder 19-21	Landfield, Ronnie , 1975-1990
Box 2, Folder 22	LeFevre, Gregg , 1983-1986
Box 2, Folder 23	Lerner, Fran , 1980-1984
Box 2, Folder 24-25	Le Witt, Sol , 1975-1991
Box 3, Folder 1	Lichtenstein, Roy , 1985-1987
Box 3, Folder 2	Lyons, Mitch , 1984-1990
Box 3, Folder 3	McLaughlin, John , circa 1980

Box 3, Folder 4	Mason, Emily , 1988-1990
Box 3, Folder 5	Massey, Allyn , 1991
Box 3, Folder 6	Miller, Howard , 1979-1983
Box 3, Folder 7	Milloff, Mark , 1978-1981
Box 3, Folder 8	Moore, Henry , circa 1989
Box 3, Folder 9	Motherwell, Robert , 1975-1987
Box 3, Folder 10	Myello, Linda , 1980-1982
Box 3, Folder 11	Natkin, Robert , 1976-1980
Box 3, Folder 12	Neill, Christine , 1987-1991
Box 3, Folder 13-14	Nelson, Roger Laux , 1975-1989
Box 3, Folder 15	Neri, Manuel , 1976-1991
Box 3, Folder 16	Nevelson, Louise , 1977-1988
Box 3, Folder 17	Noe, Jerry , 1981-1987
Box 3, Folder 18	Photographers , 1979-1991
Box 3, Folder 19	Post, Jerry , 1976-1979
Box 3, Folder 20	Rabin, Kenneth , 1988-1990
Box 3, Folder 21-23	Rauschenberg, Robert , 1980-1991
Box 3, Folder 24	Rauschenberg, Robert, <i>Cardbirds</i> Book , 1971
Box 3, Folder 25	Raymond, Lilo , 1975-1976
Box 3, Folder 26	Reginato, Peter, 1975-1981
Box 3, Folder 27	Renteria, Philip , 1976-1979
Box 3, Folder 28	Rivers, Larry , 1981-1990

Box 3, Folder 29-30	Rosenberg, Karl , 1978-1989 Oversized material housed in OV 5
Box 4, Folder 1	Rothschild, Amalie , 1975-1983
Box 4, Folder 2	Royston, Curt , 1987-1988
Box 4, Folder 3	Saba, Richard , 1986-1987
Box 4, Folder 4	Silbert, Patricia Allott , 1989-1990
Box 4, Folder 5-6	Stackhouse, Robert , 1980-1991
Box 4, Folder 7-8	Stella, Frank , 1975-1988
Box 4, Folder 9-10	Todd, Michael , 1982-1988
Box 4, Folder 11	Van Alstine, John , 1983-1988
Box 4, Folder 12-13	Voshell, James , 1975-1985
Box 4, Folder 14	Westring, Dana , 1984-1985
Box OV 5	Oversized material for Ferguson, John from Box 2, Folders 2-4, 1976-1991
Box OV 5	Oversized material for Rosenberg, Karl from Box 3, Folders 29-30, 1978-1989

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Series 3: Sales Records , 1988-1992

0.5 Linear feet (Box 4)

Found here are annotated invoices for sales of artwork to individual clients and galleries.

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Box 4, Folder 16	Invoices, D-H, 1988-1992
Box 4, Folder 17	Invoices, I-M, 1988-1992
Box 4, Folder 18	Invoices, N-R, 1988-1992
Box 4, Folder 19	Invoices, S-Z, 1988-1992

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