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## A Finding Aid to the Jackie Ferrara Printed Material, 1964-2012, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Jackie Ferrara printed material
<b>Date:</b>	1964-2012
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.ferrjack
<b>Creator:</b>	Ferrara, Jackie
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English
<b>Summary:</b>	The printed material of sculptor and draughtswoman Jackie Ferrara measures 2 linear feet and dates from 1964-2012. The material documents her projects and exhibitions through books, brochures, clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs, journals, magazines, and two video recordings.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Archives of American Art in 2014 by Jackie Ferrara.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed to a minimal level and a finding aid prepared by Hilary Price in 2016.

### Preferred Citation

Jackie Ferrara printed material, 1964-2012. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jackie Ferrara (1929- ) is an American sculptor and draughtswoman working in New York. She is best known for her pyramidal or ziggurat structures. With no formal training in art, Ferrara moved to New York in 1952 and began performing in Happenings and theater events. She tried her hand at fiction writing for several years before turning to sculpture and large scale public art works, continuously producing work for more than sixty years. She was active in the women's art associations and the community of feminist artists in SoHo in the 1970s.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as two series

- Series 1: Printed Material, 1964-2012 (1.8 linear feet; Box 1-3, OV 4-5)
  - Series 2: Video Recordings, circa 1984, 1996 (0.2 linear feet; Box 3)
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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Women artists  
Women sculptors

Types of Materials:

Video recordings

Occupations:

Draftsmen (artists) -- New York (State) -- New York

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Printed Material, 1964-2012

#### 1.8 Linear feet (Box 1-3, OV 4-5)

Scope and Contents: Printed material dates from 1964-2012 and is books, brochures, clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs, journals, and magazines. Items document Ferrara's career, public art works, and exhibition history.

Box 1, Folder 1-2	Books, 1981-1998
Box 1, Folder 3	Brochures, 1991-2012
Box 1, Folder 4	Catalogs of Public Art Works, 1979-2002
Box 1, Folder 5	Clipping, 1986
Box 1, Folder 6	Exhibition Announcements, 1981-2003
Box 1, Folder 7-20	Exhibition Catalogs, 1964-1984
Box 2, Folder 1-4	Exhibition Catalogs, 1985-2002 Notes: Oversized item housed in OV 4.
Box 2, Folder 5	Journals, 1984, 1988
Box 2, Folder 6-8	Magazines, 1990-1993 Notes: Oversized items housed in OV 5.
Box 3, Folder 1-3	Magazines, 1976-1984
Oversize OV 4	Oversized Exhibition Catalog from Box 2, Folder 4
Oversize OV 5	Oversized Magazines from Box 2, Folders 7-8

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## Series 2: Video Recordings, 1996, circa 1984

### 0.2 Linear feet (Box 3)

Scope and Contents: Video recordings include one videocassette titled *Breaktower*, the name of a sculpture of Ferrara's from 1984, and one videocassette of a program about Ferrara from the *ART/new york* video series.

Box 3, Folder 4

Breaktower, circa 1984  
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 3, Folder 5

ART/new york: A Video Series on Contemporary Art, Tape No. 44, "Jackie Ferrara: The Artist as Builder", 1996  
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

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