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## A Finding Aid to the Records Relating to Index of American Design Exhibition, 1936-1937, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Records relating to Index of American Design Exhibition
<b>Date:</b>	1936-1937
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.foggart
<b>Creator:</b>	Fogg Art Museum
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Microfilm reel
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Records relating to the Index of American Design Exhibition date from 1936 to 1937. Found is the exhibition catalog, a manual and supplement for the instruction to install the Index of American Design Exhibition, and correspondence between the Federal Art Project and Frederick Robinson of the Fogg Museum.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The records were lent for microfilming in 1964 by the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard University and returned after filming.

### Location of Originals

Originals returned to the Fogg Museum after microfilming.

### Available Formats

The collection has been microfilmed onto reel NDA01. The microfilm has been digitized and is available on the Archives of American Art website.

### Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed on Reel NDA01 and was returned to the Fogg Museum after filming. The microfilm was described in a finding aid by Jayna Josefson in 2025 and the microfilm was digitized in 2024 with funding provided by Smithsonian Collections Information System (CIS) IRM Pool Fund.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The Index of American Design was a project of the research division of the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration which produced approximately 20,000 reproductions (photographs and original drawings) and classifications of a wide variety of American art, paintings, sculptures, handicrafts, and folk art. It was held at the Fogg Museum at Harvard University in 1937.

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## Scope and Contents

The records relating to the Index of American Design Exhibition date from 1936 to 1937. Found is the exhibition catalog, a manual and supplement for the instruction to install the Index of American Design Exhibition, and correspondence between the Federal Art Project and Frederick Robinson of the Fogg Museum.

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## Arrangement

Due to the pre-existing microfilm arrangement, the collection is arranged as one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Federal Art Project (U.S.)  
Index of American Design  
United States. Works Progress Administration

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Exhibition Records, 1936-1937

Scope and Contents: Found is the Index of American Design exhibition catalog from 1937 at the Fogg Museum. Also found is a clipping, a supplement of instructions for and a manual for the exhibition produced by the Federal Art Project. Correspondence is between the Federal Art Project, Works Progress Administration and Frederick Robinson at the Fogg Museum.

Reel NDA01.fogg,  
Frame 231-246      [Exhibition Catalog, 1937](#)

Reel NDA01.fogg,  
Frame 247      [Clipping, 1937](#)

Reel NDA01.fogg,  
Frame 248-261      [Correspondence, 1937](#)

Reel NDA01.fogg,  
Frame 262-278      [Instructions and Supplement to the Exhibition, 1936-1937](#)

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