



Smithsonian
*Freer Gallery of Art and
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery*

Wang Fangyu Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	Wang Fangyu Papers
Date:	1942-1997
Identifier:	FSA.A1999.36
Creator:	Wang, Fangyu, 1913-1997 (Collector)
Extent:	1,900 Items ((6 cubic feet))
Language:	Chinese .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Prof Wang's son, Shao-fang Wang, 1999. Arrangement of papers made by Mr. Wang Shiqing and his wife.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Biographical / Historical

Professor Wang Fangyu (1913-1997), collector, art historian, regarded highly for his extensive research on the Chinese artist Zhang Da (1626-1705), commonly known as Bada Shanren. He was one of the world's foremost experts on the life and art of the artist. Prof. Wang also taught Chinese language at Yale University for numerous years.

Scope and Contents

Papers, 1942-1997, and undated, chiefly in Chinese, a small portion photocopies, including: about 70 letters received, 1964-19997, from friends and colleagues; manuscript drafts and research notes; printed material, including exhibition catalogues and articles written by Wang and others; a few snapshots of Wang and friends, and approximately 1,00 still photographs, 500 35mm slides, 80 color transparencies, and 150 negatives, that mostly depict the work by Bada Shanren, including fakes attributed to the artist.

Scope and Contents

Photographic material: I. 195 prints, 55 duplicate prints, 1 negative of Bada Shanren's works that are dated, or can be positively dated. II. 66 prints of Bada Shanren's works painted before 1684, and between 1684 and 1694. III. 34 prints of Bada Shanren's works painted between 1695 and 1705. IV. 26 prints, 8 duplicate prints, 5 negatives of identified fakes or obvious fakes of Bada Shanren's works. V. 85 large and 624 small miscellaneous prints of various sizes. VI. Photocopies of miscellanea on Bada Shanren, 7 items.

Scope and Contents

Manuscripts: I. Published works of Wang Fangyu and parts of Wang's manuscripts. II. Correspondence from Wang Fangyu's friends, not numbered. III. Articles written by Wang Fangyu's friends. IV. Reading notes by Wang Fangyu. V. Miscellaneous notes. VI. 10 printed pamphlets.

Arrangement

Organized by form.

Local Numbers

FSA A1999.36

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, Chinese -- Collectors and collecting
Painting, Chinese

Types of Materials:

Correspondence
Negatives
Photographs

Names:

Wang, Fangyu, 1913-1997
Zhu, Da, 1626-ca. 1705

Places:

China
New Haven (Conn.)
USA -- Connecticut -- New Haven