
Thomas J. Watson Library

Research Guide

Guide to Researching Living Artists

There are numerous resources that you can search within for information on living artists. Here are just some suggestions to jumpstart your research.

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us at metmuseum.org/watson

Search Watson Library's online catalog, [Watsonline](#), for exhibition catalogs, monographs, reference books and auction catalogs related to the artist you are researching.

Find the artist's personal website and social media accounts for recent and biographical information.

Online subscription databases: Available onsite at Watson Library for visitors. Met staff and volunteers can access remotely with a network account. Check with your affiliated institution or local library to see if they provide access.

Art & Architecture Source

This database covers a broad range of related subjects, from fine, decorative and commercial art, to various areas of architecture and architectural design. This database features full-text articles as well as detailed indexing and abstracts for an array of journals, books, podcasts and more. International in scope, Art & Architecture Source includes periodicals published in French, Italian, German, Spanish and Dutch and is designed for use by a diverse audience, including art scholars, artists, designers, students and general researchers.

Art & Architecture Source also includes the contents of Art Index and Art Retrospective, formerly called Art Source.

Art Bibliographies Modern

This database indexes periodicals, books, dissertations, essays, exhibition reviews, and exhibition catalogs of modern and contemporary art from 1974 to the present. Modern art is defined as beginning with Impressionism and continuing through today's latest art trends. This resource covers all aspects of modern and contemporary art, including performance art and installation works, video art, computer and electronic art, body art, graffiti, artists' books, theater arts, crafts, jewelry, and illustration, as well as the traditional fine arts of painting, printmaking, sculpture, and drawing.

ARTSTOR

Artstor is a digital library of images in the areas of art, architecture, the humanities, and sciences with a set of tools to view, present and manage these images for research and pedagogical purposes.

JSTOR

JSTOR is a multidisciplinary online archive of thousands of periodicals which provides full-text access to text and images. All journal coverage starts with the first issue, and continues to within 3 to 5 years of the current date.

Oxford Art Online

Oxford Art Online includes the complete and searchable Grove Dictionary of Art on

a new platform with new content, functionality, and partnership links. Oxford Art Online replaces Grove Art Online, which included the Grove Dictionary of Art and The Oxford Companion to Western Art – and adds The Encyclopedia of Aesthetics and the Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art. Oxford Art Online also includes the Benezit Dictionary of Artists.

Oxford Reference Online

Oxford Reference Online brings together language and subject reference works from one of the world's biggest reference publishers into a single cross-searchable resource. The Premium Collection contains over 100 dictionary, language reference, and subject reference works published by Oxford University Press. It is a fully-indexed, cross-searchable database of these books, giving users access to a comprehensive information resource.

Met website resources:

The Met Collection Online

Find information on all accessioned Met objects. Many entries include reference lists that can be a springboard for your research.

The Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History

The Met's Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History pairs essays and works of art with chronologies, telling the story of art and global culture through the Museum's collection.

Met Publications

Get access to The Met's comprehensive publishing program with over 1,500 titles, including books, online publications, and Bulletins and Journals from the last five decades.

Have a question?

Reach a reference librarian at watson.library@metmuseum.org or use our virtual chat service, Ask a Librarian, Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm.

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