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Collection of examples | Artists' book

The artist's book is a relatively new phenomenon that established itself as an important, independent field of contemporary art in the course of the second half of the 20th century. Precursors of the artist's book can be found especially in the books of the Futurists and in the French painters' books, but also in press print. Especially towards press print, the transitions are fluid. In the sixties, it was American artists of Fluxus and Concept Art who discovered the book as their medium and created a new form of art with the artists' book. At the beginning of the eighties of the 20th century, artists in Germany began to make books whose form and content they determined and conceived themselves. The artist's book has its own way of conveying information as a decidedly independent work of art that deals with a wide variety of themes, often determined by social conditions and/or subjective sensitivities. Art history is only at the beginning of the perception of the artist's book as an art genre in its own right. At present, the artist's book still leads a niche existence and the experts discuss the definition of what an artist's book actually is in an extremely controversial way.

Recommendations for cataloguing

General:

- Description like modern prints
- Consideration of all agents involved, regardless of whether mentioned on preferred source of information or not. The actors involved should be labelled with relationship identifiers and, if possible, linked to GND standard data records.
- All information mentioned in the resource concerning production etc. is taken into account (these include run length, papers used, foils, materials and techniques used in production. Inserts are to be described).

Individual aspects:

- Identified information may be recorded in notes, indicating the source of the information.
- Additional descriptions may can be placed in annotations.
- Extent of manifestation: exact indication of all counted and uncounted sequences, also with Leporellos a sheet counting is recommanded.
- Accompanying materials are recorded according to RDA 3.1.4, more detailed descriptions of the materials can be placed in the notes.

RDA-E-	Element	Inhalt
M005	title proper	Giorgio Manganelli, Irrläufe: Hundert
M010	parallel title	Giorgio Manganelli, Centuria: one hundred
W015	variant title	Irrläufe: Hundert
W015	variant title	Irrläufe: 100
W015	variant title	100
W015	variant title	Centuria: one hundred
W015	variant title	Centuria: 100
M045	statement of responsibility	[Gesamtgestaltung und Zusammenstellung von Peter Malutzki]
M045	statement of responsibility	aus dem Italienischen von Iris Schnebel-Kaschnitz
M045	statement of responsibility	translated from the Italian from Henry Martin
M185	place of publication	Flörsheim am Main
M195	publisher	[Peter Malutzki]
M045	note on publication statement	Self-published according to the artist
M205	date of publication	2019
M360	media type	unmediated
M365	carrier type	volume
M370	extent	1 leporello, (34 unnumbered pages)
M375	dimensions	25 x 18 cm
E005	content type	text
E010	language of expression	ger; eng
W075	nature of content *	Künstlerbuch
E080	details of color content	In red and black printing
M625	work manifested	Malutzki, Peter, 1951 Giorgio Manganelli, Irrläufe: Hundert
W135	creator	Malutzki, Peter, 1951-
W135	relationship designator	artist
E165	contributor	Schnebel-Kaschnitz, Iris, 1928-2014
E165	relationship designator	translator

Example 1 – format neutral (in bold: core elements)

W135	contributor	Martin, Henry
E165	relationship designator	translator
E165	contributor	Manganelli, Giorgio, 1922-1990
E165	relationship designator	author
E165	publisher	Corvinus Presse
E165	relationship designator	publisher agent
E165	relationship designator	based on
W145	related work of work	Manganelli, Giorgio: Centuria - cento piccoli romanzi fiume
W145		