



# NATIONAL MUSEUM *of* WOMEN *in the* ARTS

## **The International Festival of Women Artists Copenhagen, 1980**

### **Introduction**

The International Festival of Women Artists Archives is part of a collection of material donated to the National Museum of Women in the Arts in 1987 and 1988 by Susan Schwalb, Nancy Cusick and Cynthia Navaretta. The collection was organized and the LRC intern, Mary Oliver Humke, wrote a finding aid in the summer of 1994.

In addition to the administrative papers, there is also a banner, photographs, audiotapes, approximately 1300 slides, and a collection of postcards. The material is housed in 15 acid-free containers in the Library and Research Center's Archive on Women Artists Room. Posters from the event are in the map case flat files in the LRC.

### **Historical Sketch**

The International Festival of Women Artist was held at the NY Carlsberg Glyptotek Museum in Copenhagen, Denmark from July 14-30, 1980, in conjunction with the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, and was sponsored by the Coalition of Women's Arts Organizations. The Festival brought together women artists from more than 30 countries and provided a community wherein they could share their diverse creative work and freely explore various issues of the women's art movement. Funding for the united states participants was provided by the State Department through the International Communications Agency. Events included literary readings, films, videos, a continuous slide show, performances, ongoing panel discussions, and exhibitions of artwork.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The International Festival of Women Artists Archives documents the event from the planning and organizational stage, beginning in 1979, to post-Festival activities such as reports, celebrations, projects and correspondence through 1983. The collection is arranged chronologically within subject, beginning with correspondence between the Festival coordinators. The letters are, at times, rather personal and allow the reader a glimpse of the determination and emotional energy that went in to the planning of the project. Also included are letters between the United States and Danish embassies, US and Danish women artists, and the US organizers with the KIK and Glyptotek in Copenhagen. There are letters soliciting support for the Festival, financial statements and receipts. Correspondence between the United Nations and the White House and State Department are included, as well as the grant application for the National Endowment for the Arts.

There is a large collection of documents from the actual events such as: exhibition guides, Festival programs, lectures, photographs, slides and other misc. material. Along with press clippings covering the Festival in Copenhagen (Dec. 1979-July 1980), there is post-event coverage (Aug. 1980-June 1981), reports, projects and correspondence.

The archives house the international collection of postcards submitted by artists and displayed at the festival. They were created in a variety of media: paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, collages, and mixed media. There are fifteen audiotapes documenting the project. Posters from the Festival are located in the flat files of the LRC map case.

### Series Description

- Project Planning
- Funding
- Festival Files and Objects
- United Nations Information/Related Events
- Women's Organizations
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1	15	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Aug. 13-Oct. 25, 1979
1	16	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Oct. 25-Dec. 9, 1979
1	17	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Dec. 28, 1979-Feb. 28, 1980
1	18	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Feb. 28-Apr. 24, 1980
1	19	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Apr. 26-June 13, 1980
1	20	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: June 13, 1980-Jan. 4, 1981
1	21	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Miscellaneous
1	22	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Miscellaneous
1	23	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, KIK/Glyptotek: Miscellaneous
1	24	<i>Project Planning</i>	Correspondence, Coalition of Women's Arts Organizations (CWAO): Oct. 14-Oct. 26, 1979
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1	28	<i>Project Planning</i>	Meeting Minutes, Nov. 7, 1979-Mar. 25, 1980
1	29	<i>Project Planning</i>	Handwritten notes, ideas
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<b>1</b>	46	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Corporate: Jan. 28-Feb. 27, 1980
<b>1</b>	47	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Corporate: Feb. 27-Apr. 7, 1980
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<b>2</b>	3	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Non-Corporate: Jan. 1-Nov. 11, 1979
<b>2</b>	4	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Non-Corporate: Nov. 13-Nov. 30, 1979
<b>2</b>	5	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Non-Corporate: Dec. 14, 1979-Jan. 1, 1980
<b>2</b>	6	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Non-Corporate: Jan. 14-Feb. 1, 1980
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<b>2</b>	10	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence, Non-Corporate: Apr. 23-25, 1980
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2	29	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence: UN Women's Information w/ White House and State Dept.: Nov. 1979- Jan. 25, 1980
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2	31	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence: UN Women's Information w/ White House and State Dept.: March 10-Apr. 2, 1980
2	32	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence: UN Women's Information w/ White House and State Dept.: Apr. 10-June 30, 1980
2	33	<i>Funding</i>	Correspondence: UN Women's Information w/ White House and State Dept.: Aug.-Dec., 1980
2	34-40	<i>Funding</i>	UN Women's Information, Miscellaneous
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3	2	<i>Festival Files and Objects</i>	Banners
3	3	<i>Festival Files and Objects</i>	Miscellaneous
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<b>4</b>	6	<i>United Nations Files</i>	Information and related events: newsletter, list of continuing committee and article on Nat'l Women's Conference
<b>4</b>	7	<i>United Nations Files</i>	Booklet, 1978, "Attitudes and Backgrounds of European Career Women: A Survey Among the European Members of Zonta International"
<b>4</b>	8	<i>United Nations Files</i>	Booklet by the Dept. of State, 1980, "United State Women: Issues and Progress in the UN Decade for Women, 1976-1985"
<b>4</b>	9	<i>Women's Organizations</i>	Information on: The Women's Interart Center Inc., ISIS, GCSC, ARC
<b>4</b>	10	<i>Women's Organizations</i>	Information on: Women: A Book List for 1980; Kvindetryk, the International Women's Writing Guild; Feminist Writers' Guild Books: Selected Book-list on Women's Studies Books Dedicated to the World Conf. of UN Decade for Women in July 1980
<b>4</b>	11	<i>Women's Organizations</i>	Information on: Women's Art Register Extension Project; Woman Art; C.F.E.I.; Muse; Atlanta Women's Art Collective;
<b>4</b>	12	<i>Women's Organizations</i>	Information on: Women Artist Filmmakers; Goddess Films
<b>4</b>	13	<i>Women's Organizations</i>	Information on: International Assoc. for Female Executives Inc.; Women's International Democratic Federation-special issue Copenhagen July 1980; Kvinde Galleriet; redstockings Copenhagen; Women in Spiritual Education; International Association of Women in the Arts; National Action Committee on the Status of Women;

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<b>5</b>	1	<i>Women's Literary Magazines</i>	"Calyx"
<b>5</b>	2	<i>Women's Literary Magazines</i>	"Cras," "Sorcieres," "Land & By"
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<b>5</b>	4	<i>Women's Literary Magazines</i>	"The Wild Iris," "Sing Heavenly"
<b>5</b>	5	<i>Women's Literary Magazines</i>	"Hvedekorn"
<b>5</b>	6	<i>Press Coverage</i>	Correspondence, Public Relations: Nov. 1979-Apr. 10, 1980
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<b>5</b>	16	<i>Press Coverage</i>	Clippings: July 13-18, 1980
<b>5</b>	17	<i>Press Coverage</i>	Clippings: July 18-20, 1980
<b>5</b>	18	<i>Press Coverage</i>	Clippings: July 26-31, 1980
<b>6</b>	1	<i>Press Coverage</i>	Coverage: "Media Report to Women," Feb., April 1980
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<b>8</b>	6	<i>Audio Tapes</i>	Committee Meeting: Feb. 8, 1980/ Feb. 29, 1980
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<b>8</b>	8	<i>Audio Tapes</i>	"Artists in the City," WNYC radio: March 5, 1980/ Committee Meeting: March 21, 1980
<b>8</b>	9	<i>Audio Tapes</i>	Committee Meeting: March 21, 1980/ Apr. 11, 1980

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<b>8</b>	12	<i>Audio Tapes</i>	Slide show and panel discussion, n.d.
<b>8</b>	13-15	<i>Audio Tapes</i>	KIK activities report
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<b>10</b>		<i>Postcards</i>	Artists: A-G
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