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Christo and Jeanne-Claude

Jeanne-Claude 2015 Christo (born 1935) and Jeanne-Claude (1935–2009) have created some of the most visually breathtaking works of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Their projects have traversed and transcended the boundaries of painting, sculpture and architecture. This lavishly designed, epic volume brings together a wealth of archival material and photographic documentation to offer an intimate behind-the-scenes view of the monumental installations with which the couple have dazzled the public.

Photographs portraying the artists at work are supplemented by pictures of all their major projects—Wrapped Coast (1968–69), Valley Curtain (1970–72), Running Fence (1972–76), Surrounded Islands (1980–83), The Pont Neuf Wrapped (1975–85), The Umbrellas (1984–91), Wrapped Reichstag (1971–95) and The Gates (1999–2005)—as well as reproductions of drawings, collages and objects. Matthias Koddenberg, art historian and close friend of the artists, spent many years compiling the more than 250 mostly unpublished photographs and illustrations assembled here. Many of them show works that were previously unknown or thought lost, including early drawings and paintings dating back to when Christo was still studying art in Bulgaria. Others document temporary sculptures—Wrapped Woman (1962, 1963 and 1968), Wrapped Volkswagen (1963) and Wrapped Tree (1966 and 1969)—or works that were intentionally destroyed and only survive as photographs. The publication was put together in close collaboration with Christo and includes documentation by renowned photographers such as Ugo Mulas, Enzo Sellerio, Harry Shunk and János Kender, Charles Wilp and Wolfgang Volz, who has documented all of the artists’ projects since 1971, together with photos by associates and friends as well as pictures from the artists’ private archives.

Temporary Art and Public Place

John S. Powers 2009 "This study focuses on the production and reception of sculpture and installation artworks temporarily realized in public places in Berlin and Los Angeles between 1986 and 2003. "Place Art," including art works produced as a result of artist-generated public place investigations, is emphasized. A methodic-analytical art-place-space system is set up in terms of physical, sensory, historical, social, political and aesthetic frameworks to examine selected artworks in specific and comparative space-time realities. A model for artistic production, reception, discourse and intercultural understanding is developed."--Provided by publisher.

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Jonathan David Fineberg 2004-01-01 Examines the planning stages of The Gates, an installation art project by Christo and Jeanne-Claude designed to adorn the walkways of New York’s Central Park, and includes interviews with the artists.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude

Jan Greenberg 2008-10-14 Covers the early life and career of Christo and Jeanne-Claude and then a focus on their 2005 installation in Central Park of over seven thousand saffron panels.

Over the River

Christo 2001

Modern Sculpture

Douglas Dreishpoon 2022-10-25 This tapestry of primary sources is an essential primer on sculpture and its makers. Modern Sculpture presents a selection of manifestos, documents, statements, articles, and interviews from more than ninety sculptors, including a diverse selection of contemporary sculptors. With this book, editor Douglas Dreishpoon defers to artists, whose varied points of view illuminate sculpture's transformation—from object to action, concept to phenomenon—over the course of more than a century. Chapters arranged in chronological sequences highlight dominant stylistic, philosophical, and thematic threads uniting kindred groups. The result is an artist-centric history of sculpture as a medium of
performance artist Charlotte Moorman, whose work combined classical rigor, avant-garde experiment, and madcap daring. The Juilliard-trained cellist Charlotte Moorman sat nude behind a cello of carved ice, performed while dangling from helium-filled balloons, and deployed an array of instruments on The Mike Douglas Show that included her cello, a whistle, a cap gun, a gong, and a belch. She did a striptease while playing Bach in Nam June Paik's Sonata for Adults Only. In the 1960s, Moorman (1933–1991) became famous for her madcap (and often unclothed) performance antics; less famous but more significant is Moorman's transformative influence on contemporary performance practice—and her dedication to the idea that avant-garde art should reach the widest possible audience. In Topless Cellist, the first book to explore Moorman's life and work, Joan Rothfuss rediscovers, and recovers, the legacy of an extraordinary American artist. Moorman's arrest in 1967 for performing topless made her a water-cooler conversation-starter, but before her tabloid fame she was a star of the avant-garde performance circuit, with a repertoire of pieces by, among others, Yoko Ono, Joseph Beuys, John Cage, and Paik, her main artistic partner. Moorman invented a new mode of performance that combined classical rigor, jazz improvisation, and avant-garde experiment—informed by intuition, daring, and love of spectacle. Moorman's annual festival of the avant-garde offered the public a lively sampler of contemporary art in performance, music, dance, poetry, film, and other media. Rothfuss chronicles Moorman's life from her youth in Little Rock, Arkansas (where she was “Miss City Beautiful” of 1952) through her career in New York's avant-garde to her death from breast cancer in 1991. (Typically, she approached her treatment as if it were a performance.) Deeply researched and profusely illustrated, Topless Cellist offers a fascinating, sometimes heartbreaking, often hilarious story of an artist whose importance was more than the sum of her performances. 

Covered in Color Elisa Boxer 2022-08-16 A vibrantly illustrated biography about visionary artist Christo, encouraging creativity, perseverance, and appreciating the beauty all around us Christo (1935–2020) and Jeanne-Claude (1935–2009) are renowned for their large-scale, ambitious art installations that wrapped landmarks and swaths of land in fabric, including Berlin’s Wrapped Reichstag, Paris’s The Pont Neuf Wrapped, and concluding with New York City’s The Gates in Central Park (2005). This lively biography chronicles Christo’s humble childhood in Soviet-controlled Bulgaria—under a regime that suppressed individuality and creativity—to his international fame as a bold (and controversial) innovator in the art world. Christo discovered an early love of art and found a way to make a living out of his passion by wrapping bottles, cans, stacks of magazines, and even an air conditioner. When he met his wife, Jeanne-Claude, they moved to New York City as undocumented immigrants and became equal partners in both life and work—he, the artist, and she, the dealmaker. Together, Christo and Jeanne-Claude made elaborate, visually stunning installations that transformed public spaces around the world, all free to the public. Christo never explained consequence and character. 

Christo and Jeanne-Claude Jacob Baal-Teshuva 2016 A brief study of the life and work of conceptual artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude.

Models of Integrity Joan Kee 2019-02-12 Models of Integrity examines the relationship between contemporary art and the law through the lens of integrity. In the 1960s, artists began to engage conspicuously with legal ideas, rituals, and documents. The law—a primary institution subject to intense moral and political scrutiny—was a widely recognized source of authority to audiences inside the art world and out. Artists frequently engaged with the law in ways that signaled a recuperation of the integrity that they believed had been compromised by the very institutions entrusted with establishing standards of just conduct. These artists sought to convey the social purpose of an artwork without overstating its political impact and without losing sight of how aesthetic decisions compel audiences to see their everyday world differently. Addressing the role that law plays in enabling artworks to function as social and political forces, this important book fills a gap in the field of law and the humanities, and will serve as a practical “how-to” for contemporary artists.

Community Art Kate Crehan 2013-05-09 Exploring key issues for the anthropology of art and art theory, this fascinating text provides the first in-depth study of community art from an anthropological perspective. The book focuses on the forty year history of Free Form Arts Trust, an arts group that played a major part in the 1970s struggle to carve out a space for community arts in Britain. Turning their back on the world of gallery art, the fine-artist founders of Free Form were determined to use their visual expertise to connect, through collaborative art projects, with the working-class people excluded by the established art world. In seeking to give the residents of poor communities a greater role in shaping their built environment, the artists’ aesthetic practice would be transformed. Community Art examines this process of aesthetic transformation and its rejection of the individualized practice of the gallery artist. The Free Form story calls into question common understandings of the categories of "art," "expertise," and "community," and makes this story relevant beyond late twentieth-century and early twenty-first-century Britain.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude Burt Chernow 2002-02-15 Presents an intimate portrait of the husband-and-wife team responsible for such notorious projects as "Surrounded Islands," in which they wrapped eleven islands in Biscayne Bay, Florida in hot pink fabric, and "Pont Neuf Wrapped," when they covered a famous Parisian monument, brings to life these innovative artists' ability to challenge our views of the world by giving us wrapped creations of extraordinary size and beauty. Topless Cellist Joan Rothfuss 2014-09-12 The first book to explore the extraordinary career of musician and performance artist Charlotte Moorman, whose work combined classical rigor, avant-garde experiment, and
why he felt compelled to wrap things in fabric—rather, his work celebrated individual interpretation and the simple joy of seeing something familiar in a new way. And though each work was temporary, their awe-inspiring designs, uniting nature with the manmade, stayed with viewers long afterward. Covered in Color inspires readers to appreciate the beauty around us, however fleeting, and to push the boundaries of “possible.”

Inside the Dream Palace Sherill Tippins 2013 Opening the doors to New York’s icon of American artistic invention, this fascinating history of the Chelsea hotel reveals why and how it has become the largest and longest-lived artists’ community of the known world. 25,000 first printing.

Postmodern Artists Amanda Vink 2018-12-15 Postmodern art emerged in the late 1960s following a time period when art had been defined by superstars like Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali. Rejecting the idea of art being exclusive to professionals, artists who emerged during the postmodern era believed anyone could be an artist and anything could be art. Through exciting main text featuring annotated quotes from experts, detailed sidebars, and examples of postmodern art, readers explore how the foundations of art were challenged by postmodern artists such as Andy Warhol and Barbara Kruger and also how their work still impacts today’s art world.

The Grove Encyclopedia of American Art Joan M. Marter 2011 Where is American art in the new millennium? At the heart of all cultural developments is diversity. Access through recent technology engenders interaction with artists from around the world. The visual arts in the United States are bold and pulsating with new ideas.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude Christo 2017-11-15 “Christo (born 1935) and Jeanne-Claude (1935-2009) have always compared their work to that of urban planners. And it is true that the projects they have carried out around the world since the 1960s not only have huge dimensions but are also at the center of public debates and disputes. The very fact that their projects are subject to approval by local authorities makes them sometimes resemble public construction projects more than works of art. For the first time, this book gives a comprehensive account of Christo and Jeanne-Claude’s urban projects. It presents preparatory drawings, collages and models for many little-known works from the artists’ early career, some of which were never carried out, such as the planned wrapping of several New York City skyscrapers, as well as the spectacular large-scale projects of later years, such as the wrapping of the Pont Neuf bridge in Paris in 1985, the wrapping of the Reichstag building in Berlin in 1995 and the 2005 installation The Gates in New York’s Central Park. In two detailed essays, the authors of the book explore Christo’s extraordinary talent for drawing and investigate the artists’ ambivalent perspective on urban space, which oscillates between a powerful critique of the city’s impersonal modernism and a tribute to the liberal, democratic use of urban areas”—
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Matthias Koddenberg 2021-08-09

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Christo (1935-2020) and Jeanne-Claude (1935-2009) created some of the most breathtaking artworks of the 20th and 21st centuries. Their projects radically questioned traditional conceptions of painting, sculpture, and architecture. This lavish photo book is the first comprehensive publication on the artists' oeuvre to be released after Christo's death in May 2020. It also serves as a curtain-raiser for Christo und Jeanne-Claude's last major project - the wrapping of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, which will be carried out posthumously in the fall of 2021. Presenting a wealth of photographs and studio snapshots from 1949 to 2020, some of which are private, this book allows an intimate peek behind the scenes of Christo und Jeanne-Claude's monumental installations which fascinated the public for decades. In addition to pictures capturing the artists at work, it includes photos documenting all of their major projects. Matthias Koddenberg (b.1984), art historian and close friend of the artists, spent many years compiling the more than 300 images featured in this volume. Among them are pictures taken by companions and friends and hitherto unpublished photographs from the artists' estate. Together they tell the extraordinary story not only of the couple's artistic collaboration, but also of their five-decade-long partnership.

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Christo 2017

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Identity, Gender and the Performative in Christo and Jeanne-Claude's Work

Joachim Stark 2011

Essay on September 27, 2022 by guest

This essay tries to point out that Christo and Jeanne-Claude's work deals with concepts of identity, gender and the performative, ideas which inform a great deal of the art that has been produced since the 1960s. These aspects in the work of the two artists have generally been overlooked due perhaps to the giganticism of many of their projects realized since the end of the 1960s, like "Wrapped Coast" (1968/69, Australia), "Valley Curtain" (1970/72 USA), "Surrounded Islands" (1980-83 USA), "Pont Neuf Wrapped" (1975/85, France), "Wrapped Reichstag" (1971-1995 Germany), or "The Gates" (2005 USA). Questions of identity, gender, and performance have not really been addressed in interpretations of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's work. But at least since 2002 there are statements by Christo himself, which make clear that identity and gender have indeed been on his mind and that there also was quite early a link to Dada and Surrealism. In this respect it is certainly relevant that in 1963 Christo met Marcel Duchamp, who until 1968, the year of Duchamp's death, remained a friend and supporter. Christo's wrappings imply the blurring of identities, they transform male forms into feminine forms, or even try to introduce the impression of the formless, a concept developed by George Bataille. The performative points in the same direction. The concept of performance will have to be modified and enlarged in the case of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, as their performances are not bound to a specific time and location, for instance in a gallery or a theatre. The performances often extend over several years or even decades and imply the presence of the artists at numerous different locations. Here the aspect of politics comes into view. As their environment Christo und Jeanne-Claude Jörg Schellmann 2021-04-06 Christo and Jeanne-Claude: the man with the glasses and the woman with the red hair. Each one was born on the same day in 1935, and this unusual artist couple worked together until Jeanne-Claude's death in 2009, changing the art world in the process. In large-scale actions they enveloped buildings and entire landscapes in various materials, revealing at the same time their essence and beauty. In order to finance these enormous works of art by themselves, Christo and Jeanne-Claude began making saleable editions, multiples or early on in their career-prints, collages, and objects. This completely revised, expanded, and updated catalogue of works, Prints and Objects, is testimony to the artist's impressive scope and to their courage. Who else would have had the idea of building a 120-meter-tall truncated pyramid out of 410,000 oil barrels in the desert of the United Arab Emirates? CHRISTO (1935-2020) and JEANNE-CLAUDE (1935-2009) were an artist couple who became known from the 1960s onwards primarily for their jointly realized spectacular wrapping projects, such as the wrapping of the...
Reichstag building, the Valley Curtains, and most recently Christo alone with the Floating Piers. Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection Molly Donovan 2002-03 This book, which accompanies an exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, covers Christo and Jeanne-Claude's career of more than 40 years by focusing on 60 major works from the collection of Dorothy and Herbert Vogel. Featured are several early wrapped objects and packages, as well as photographs, preparatory drawings, collages, and models for large-scale public works. An illuminating interview with Christo and Jean-Claude gives insight into the history of their partnership, their working methods, and their artistic principles. Art in the Early Years Kristen Ali Eglington 2003-12-16 For all involved in teaching young children, this timely book offers the necessary tool with which to develop a broad, creative and inspirational visual arts programme. Presented in two parts, this text covers both theoretical and practical angles: part one investigates contemporary early childhood art education, challenging what is traditionally considered an early years art experience part two puts theory to text by presenting the reader with numerous inventive visual art lessons that imaginatively meet goals for creative development issued by the QCA. The author strikes the perfect balance between discussion of the subject and provision of hands-on material for use in lessons, which makes this book a complete art education resource for all involved in early years art education. Teachers, trainee teachers, or nursery teachers, who wish to implement a more holistic art curriculum in the classroom whilst meeting all the required standards, will find this an essential companion. Walls Thomas Oles 2015-01-08 Includes bibliographical references and index. Christo and Jeanne-Claude Christo 2006 Nearly 40 years after their first wrapping of a public building, this book celebrates the artistic production of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, the artist-couple who came into view in the second half of the 20th century. The catalogue presents the couple's artistic evolution from 1958 to the present. The Art and Films of Lynn Hershman Leeson Meredith Tromble 2005-12-05 Contents of accompanying DVD-ROM on p. 221 of text. Visual Theology Robin Margaret Jensen 2009 At least since the time of Paul (see Acts 18), Christians have wrestled with the power and danger of religious imagery in the visual arts. It was not until the middle of the twentieth century that there emerged in Western Christianity an integrated, academic study of theology and the arts. Here, one of the pioneers of that movement, H. Wilson Yates, along with fourteen theologians, examine how visual culture reflects or addresses pressing contemporary religious questions. The aim throughout is to engage the reader in theological reflection, mediated and enhanced by the arts. This beautifully illustrated book includes more than fifty images in full color. Christo 2012 The Mastaba is not only Christo and Jeanne-Claude's greatest achievement and only permanent large-scale work, but also the biggest sculpture in the world and one of the most significant creations in history. This book tells the story of the project. Artistic Collaboration Today Víctor M. Cassidy 2018 "Most artists work alone, but some find a creative partner and team up for their entire careers. Based on studio visits and in-depth interviews, this book reports on more than forty collaborating sculptors, painters, printmakers, photographers and other artists who have worked in tandem with architects and performers"-- Street Scenes Nicolas Whybrow 2005 Always the focal point in modern times for momentous political, social and cultural upheaval, Berlin has continued, since the fall of the Wall in 1989, to be a city in transition. As the new capital of a reunified Germany it has embarked on a journey of rapid reconfiguration, involving issues of memory, nationhood and ownership.Premised on an understanding of performance as the articulation of movement in space, Street Scenes interrogates what kind of life is permitted to flow in the new Berlin. Central to this method is the flneur figure, a walker of streets who provides detached observations on the revealing detritus of modern urban existence. Walter Benjamin, himself a native of Berlin as well as friend and seminal critic of Brecht, exercised the practice in exemplary form in his portrait of the city One-Way Street. Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Prints and Objects, 1963-95 Christo 1995 Christo and Jeanne Claude Sophia Duplaix 2020-03 This exhibition at the Centre Pompidou is the first presentation of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's work in a Parisian institution and promises to be a large-scale project. On one hand, it will feature works still unknown to the public - Cratères, Surfaces d'empaquetage, Bâles - and, on the other hand, it will take a look back at all the stages in the development of an urban project that has left its mark on the collective memory: Le Pont Neuf, packed in 1985.00A catalogue presenting unpublished documents and revealing the creative process at the origin of the artist's career.00Exhibition: Centre Pompidou, Paris, France (18.03.- 15.06.2020). Christo and Jeanne-Claude Paul Goldberger 2018 From June 18 to September 23, 2018, London's Hyde Park will host Christo and Jeanne-Claude's newest installation: The Mastaba (Project for London, Hyde Park, Serpentine Lake). The temporary sculpture takes cues from mastabas of the first urban civilizations of Mesopotamia, which were mud benches with two vertical sides, two slanted sides, and a flat top. Towering at 20 meters high, its 500 tons anchored to the Serpentine Lake, this waterborne project will gather 7,506 painted oil barrels to create a floating mosaic of red, white, blue, and mauve. The most ambitious of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's barrel works to date, The London Mastaba is a precursor to the duo's work in progress The Mastaba (Project for Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). First conceived in 1977, The Mastaba for Abu
Dhabi, if realized, would be Christo and Jeanne-Claude's greatest achievement and only permanent large-scale work. Situated in the desert and made of 410,000 multicolored barrels, the 150-meter-high sculpture would be the largest in the world, rising higher than the Great Pyramid of Giza. Through drawings, collages, photographs, sculptures, and scale models, this book traces the 60-year trajectory of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's interest in the form of the barrel and the mastaba. A coinciding exhibition at the Serpentine Galleries is curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist and Melissa Blanchflower with Joseph Constable, in close collaboration with Josy Kraft and Christo's studio. This book, designed by Lorenza Giovanelli and Christo himself, spans Christo and Jeanne-Claude's history of barrel artworks from 1958 to 2018. It includes Christo's earliest preparatory drawings and most recent works, gathering photographs by Wolfgang Volz, maps, technical data, and drawings, many published here for the first time.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Early Years Matthias Koddenberg 2020-03-15 This monograph shares unprecedented insights into Christo and Jeanne-Claude's early work. Features archival images and photos of the artists' oeuvre published for the very first time. Accompanies an exhibition at the Centre Pompidou in Paris from 18 March to 15 June 2020 and at the PalaisPopulaire in Berlin from 21 March to 17 August 2020. In the fall of 2020, Christo will wrap the Arc de Triomphe in Paris in silvery fabric for 16 days, returning to his signature style - after realizing The Floating Piers in Italy, the London Mastaba, and a quarter of a century after he and Jeanne-Claude wrapped the Reichstag building in Berlin. As a prelude, a major exhibition at PalaisPopulaire in the German capital will celebrate this 25-year anniversary in the spring of 2020. At the same time, the Pompidou Center will pay tribute to Christo and Jeanne-Claude by staging The Pont Neuf Wrapped Documentary exhibition as well as a comprehensive show highlighting their early years in Paris. To accompany these events, Matthias Koddenberg, art historian and long-time friend of both Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude, who was the other half of the artistic duo until her death in 2009, has edited an elaborate collection of interviews. The book is composed of many conversations held between Koddenberg and Christo in the artist's New York studio over the last few years. With rare frankness, Christo describes how he fled from Bulgaria and made his way into the Western world. He talks about his time in Vienna and Geneva, his vibrant life in Paris that was full of hardship, and the fateful moment when he met Jeanne-Claude. This publication provides an exceptional inside view, uniting texts and numerous archival images and photographs, many of which have never been published before, or depict early works by Christo that have only recently been rediscovered.