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St. James Guide to Black Artists collection

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Summary

Creator: St. James reference guides

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Creator History

The St. James Guide to Black Artists, published in 1997, contains information on almost four hundred black artists from around the world. At the time, the Guide was a unique publication as it covered a significant number of artists and provided short critical essays accompanying each entry. Seventy-two contributors wrote entries, including Terry Bain, Diedre Bibby, Harry Henderson, and Leo Twiggs. Edited by Thomas Riggs, the Guide was created in association with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. The advisory board included Howard Dodson, David C. Driskell, Edmund Barry Gaither, Leslie King-Hammond, Samella Lewis, Richard A. Long, and Richard J. Powell. There is currently only one edition of the Guide in publication.

Scope and Content Note

The St. James Guide to Black Artists collection consists of materials that were sent by the artists as resource material for their entries. There are files for 114 of the 400 artists in the book. Included are painters, sculptors, mixed-media artists, ceramicists, photographers, and printmakers. Artists from across the Diaspora are represented including Mestre Didi (Brazil), Iba N'Diaye (Senegal), Howardena Pindell (US), Edgar Brierre (Haiti), Valentim Rubem (Brazil), Sonia Boyce (Britain), Julien Hudson (US), Jules Lion (France), Petrona Morrison (Jamaica), and Valente Malangatana Ngwenya (Mozambique). The collection contains a variety of materials including biographical sketches, resumes, business cards, photographs, reproductions, newspaper and magazine articles, and exhibition programs.

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by artist's last name.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American artists
African American artists -- Biography
African American painters
African American women artists
Artist files

Names

Riggs, Thomas, 1963-
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