What is mail art?

Mail art, or correspondence art, refers to art generally sent through the mail without any exchange of payment. Mail artists use a variety of formats and media. Many projects require a responsive relay of collaboration between artists; adding to and then passing on artwork. In general, mail art is an inclusive genre, and shows do not have entry fees or juries.

The international mail art movement began in the early 1960s, with artists associated with Fluxus and Ray Johnson's network called the New York Correspondence School of Art. Members communicated by mailing artworks, texts, or other objects throughout the world.

Participants for this exhibit were recruited mostly online via mail art calls and/or email. Some artists received catalog cards from other artists.



cARTalog Mail Art participants come from countries all over the globe including: United States, Canada, Australia, Belgium, France, Spain, Germany, England, Italy, Netherlands, Poland and Japan.