

Something Else Press Records

ca. 1940 - 1967

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Quantity:	2 boxes
Access:	Open to Research
Acquisition:	Gift of the Something Else Press, 1967. See Administrative Note.
Processed by:	Revised by Abigail Stambach, November/December 2013. See Administrative Note.

Administrative Note:

Details regarding the acquisition are unclear but it is believed to have been given to Russell Sage College by Something Else Press in 1967. It was initially part of the Carol Ann Donahue Memorial Collection. Processing work has been done several times since its acquisition with the most recent completed in December 2013. At this time, the collection was transferred to the Sage Colleges Archives and Special Collections.

Biographic/Historical Note:

Something Else Press was founded in 1964 by Richard C. (Dick) Higgins. Higgins was a composer, poet, and printer. He was also known for being a co-founding member of the Fluxus movement, an 1960s art movement. Something Else Press was the first publishing house in the United States that was devoted to publishing artist books. It primarily published the works of Concrete poets and Fluxus artists. Additionally, the press published a series of pamphlets called the Great Bear pamphlets, which was a who's who of 1960s avant-garde artists and authors. While it was a small press, it was known for its high quality formats and broad distribution methods.

Though Higgins was the primary owner and publisher, he did not serve as Editor in Chief. Beginning in the mid-1960s, Emmett Williams was the editor of the press. Williams was another well-known poet and artist of the period. After Williams left the press in 1973, Jan Herman served as Editor in Chief until the press closed. Even though the press gained a larger audience from when it first opened, Higgins withdrew his financial support in 1973 for a variety of reasons. This caused the press to fold in 1974. Today, the publications from Something Else Press are highly regarded and sought after by collectors.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection features correspondence, poems, jottings, and worksheets that were collected for the anthology, *An Anthology of Concrete Poetry* edited by Emmett Williams, which was published by Something Else Press in 1967. The collection also contains original drafts of poems submitted to Williams with layout instructions and notes on the creation and meaning of the poems. Works from many of the leading avant-garde poets can be found including Alain Arias-Mission, Carlo Belloli, Stephen Bann, Claus Bremer, Ian Hamilton Finlay and Eugen Gomringer. The materials in the collection are arranged by author.

Box and Folder Listing:

Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Contents
		Control Folder
1	1	Achleitner, Friedrich (13 items)
1	2	Altmann, Roberto (1 item)
1	3	Arias-Misson, Alain, Folder 1 of 3 (12 items)
1	4	Arias-Misson, Alain, Folder 2 of 3 (12 items)
1	5	Arias-Misson, Alain, Folder 3 of 3 (12 items)
1	6	Artmann, H.C. (2 items)
1	7	Aspect Magazine (1 item)
1	8	Azeredo, Ronaldo (16 items)
1	9	Bann, Stephen (6 items)
1	10	Barkhardt, Klaus (1 item)
1	11	Barnett, Anthony (1 item)
1	12	Belloli, Carlo, Folder 1 of 3 (11 items)
1	13	Belloli, Carlo, Folder 2 of 3 (10 items)
1	14	Belloli, Carlo, Folder 3 of 3 (4 items)
1	15	Bense, Max (11 items)
1	16	Bentivoglio, Mirella (3 items)
1	17	Bianca, Mariano (7 items)
1	18	Braga, Edgard (5 items)
1	19	Brecht, George (1 item)
1	20	Bremer, Claus, Folder 1 of 2 (8 items)
1	21	Bremer, Claus, Folder 2 of 2 (16 items)
1	22	Campal, Julio (4 items)
1	23	Campos, Augusto de (27 items)
1	24	Campos, Haroldo de, Folder 1 of 2 (7 items)
1	25	Campos, Haroldo de, Folder 2 of 2 (19 items)
1	26	Carlfriedrich, Claus, Folder 1 of 3 (15 items)
1	27	Carlfriedrich, Claus, Folder 2 of 3 (15 items)
1	28	Carlfriedrich, Claus, Folder 3 of 3 (16 items)
1	29	Chopin, Henri, Folder 1 of 5 (15 items)
1	30	Chopin, Henri, Folder 2 of 5 (20 items)
1	31	Chopin, Henri, Folder 3 of 5 (15 items)
1	32	Chopin, Henri, Folder 4 of 5 (15 items)
1	33	Chopin, Henri, Folder 5 of 5 (12 items)
1	34	Cobbing, bob (11 items)
1	35	De-Alexandris, Margherita (2 items)
1	36	De Vree, Paul (21 items)
1	37	Dohl, Reinhard (8 items)
1	38	Ekbom, Torsten (1 item)
1	39	Fernbach-Flarsheim, Carl (12 items)
1	40	Finlay, Ian Hamilton, Folder 1 of 3 (10 items)
1	41	Finlay, Ian Hamilton, Folder 2 of 3 (10 items)

1	42	Finlay, Ian Hamilton, Folder 3 of 3 (20 items)
1	43	Freifeld, Larry (5 items)
1	44	Furnival, John (14 items)
1	45	Gappmayr, Folder 1 of 2 (12 items)
1	46	Gappmayr, Folder 2 of 2 (11 items)
1	47	Garnier, Pierre Lilse, Folder 1 of 2 (11 items)
1	48	Garnier, Pierre Lilse, Folder 2 of 2 (20 items)
1	49	Gibson, Morgan (7 items)
1	50	Goeritz, Mathias (6 items)
1	51	Gomringer, Folder 1 of 3 (10 items)
1	52	Gomringer, Folder 2 of 3 (10 items)
1	53	Gomringer, Folder 3 of 3 (2 items)
1	54	Gosewitz, Lugo, Folder 1 of 2 (14 items)
1	55	Gosewitz, Lugo, Folder 2 of 2 (8 items)
1	56	Graham, Dan (7 items)
1	57	Grunewald, Jose Lino (16 items)
1	58	Gysin, Brion (14 items)
1	59	Hansen, Al (5 items)
1	60	Havel, Vaclav (1 item)
1	61	Heissenbuttel, Helmut (9 items)
1	62	Higgins, Richard Carter (13 items)
1	63	Hirsal, Josef and Bohumila Grogerova (9 items)
1	64	Hodell, Ake (2 items)
1	65	Houedard, Dom Sylvestre (7 items)
1	66	Iwata, Kiyoshi (2 items)
1	67	Jandl, Ernst (10 items)
1	68	Jochims, Reimer (4 items)
1	69	Johnson, Bengt Emil (4 items)
1	70	Johnson, Ronald (2 items)
1	71	Kamimura (3 items)
1	72	Katue, Kitasono (11 items)
1	73	Knowles, Alison (1 item)
1	74	Kolar, Jiri (3 items)
1	75	Kriwet, Ferdinand (5 items)
1	76	Lemaitre, Maurice (17 items)
1	77	Loeffelholz, Franz (13 items)
1	78	Loncraine, Richard (1 item)
1	79	Low, Mac (10 items)
2	1	Mayer, Hangsjorg (15 items)
2	2	McCarthy, Cavan, Folder 1 of 2 (6 items)
2	3	McCarthy, Cavan, Folder 2 of 2 (6 items)
2	4	McWilliams (3 items)
2	5	Millan, Fernando (7 items)
2	6	Morgan, Edwin (21 items)
2	7	Nannucci, Maurizio (7 items)
2	8	Nichol, B.P. (9 items)

2	9	Nielsen, Hans-Jorgen (1 item)
2	10	Niikuni, Seiichi (1 item)
2	11	Novak, Ladislav (3 items)
2	12	Nylen, Leif (1 item)
2	13	Pazarkaya, Yuksel (2 items)
2	14	Phillips, Michael J. (6 items)
2	15	Pignatari, Decio (12 items)
2	16	Pino, Wladimir Dias (3 items)
2	17	Pinto, Luiz Angelo (1 item)
2	18	Rabetaud, Nicole (1 item)
2	19	Reichardt, Jasia (4 items)
2	20	Renegade Press (12 items)
2	21	Reutersward, Carl Fredric, Folder 1 of 2 (15 items)
2	22	Reutersward, Carl Fredric, Folder 2 of 2 (23 items)
2	23	Rot, Dieter (15 items)
2	24	Ruhm, Gerhard (24 items)
2	25	Saroyan, Aram, Folder 1 of 2 (11 items)
2	26	Saroyan, Aram, Folder 2 of 2 (3 items)
2	27	Sharkey, John (20 items)
2	28	Smith, Edward Lucie (1 item)
2	29	Solt, Mary Ellen (9 items)
2	30	Spatula, Adriano (11 items)
2	31	Steen, Vagn (1 item)
2	32	Spoerri, Daniel (3 items)
2	33	Themerson, F. & S. (1 item)
2	34	Thomkins, Andre (13 items)
2	35	Totino, Arrigo Loka, Folder 1 of 2 (8 items)
2	36	Totino, Arrigo Loka, Folder 2 of 2 (7 items)
2	37	Ulrichs, Timm (2 items)
2	38	Valochi, Jiri (1 item)
2	39	Verdi, Franco (2 items)
2	40	Voutier (1 item)
2	41	Waldivielso, Enrique Uribe (3 items)
2	42	Wezel, Wolf (2 items)
2	43	Weiner, Oswald (1 item)
2	44	Williams – Editorial (12 items)
2	45	Williams, Emmett (8 items)
2	46	Williams, Jonathan (4 items)
2	47	Xisto, Pedro (6 items)
2	48	Yasue (3 items)
2	49	Zukofsky, Louis (1 item)