



NY Art Book Fair Arrives at MoMA PS1

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The NY Art Book Fair arrives at MoMA P.S. 1 this weekend. The annual art book fair opened last night and runs through Sunday. The fair features mainstream and independent publishers, book dealers, artist collectives and more. A full slate of programming including panel discussions, speakers and workshops are bound to keep the fair hopping. Attending the fair is free.

Around 283 exhibitors are expected for this year's fair. Presenters include international presses, booksellers, antiquarians, artists and independent publishers from 26 countries. Available for perusal are artist books, catalogs, monographs, periodicals and zines.

Special project rooms, screenings, book signings and performances take place throughout the weekend.



White Columns presents at the 2011 NY Art Book Fair. Image courtesy of Printed Matter, Inc.

A Contemporary Artists' Books Conference takes place today and tomorrow. The symposium will center on emerging practices and debates within art-book culture. Lucy Lippard and Paul Chan are the keynote speakers.

Chan's talk "Publish to Perish" takes place tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Chan is an artist-publisher. Lippard discusses "Artists' Books, Then and Now" tomorrow from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Lippard is an art historian. Reservations for both talks can be made through <http://nyartbookfair.com/conference>.

Additional topics over the two days include appropriation-based artwork, intellectual property, copyright law and more. Attendance is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A full line-up and schedule can be found at <http://nyartbookfair.com/conference>.

Each year, an artist book is commissioned for the conference. Sales allow free admission to the

conferences to continue. Estonian artist Triin Tamm created this year's book in collaboration with Rollo Press of Switzerland. The Conference is organized by the CABC Committee, a national group of art library professionals.



Mark Hundley Dictionary at the 2011 NY Art Book. Image courtesy Printed Matter, Inc.

NY Art Book Fair is produced by Printed Matter, Inc. of New York City. This is the seventh annual fair. Over 15,000 people attended last year's art book fair, according to Printed Matter.

This year, there are three tribute exhibitions highlighting individuals who made an impact on field of artists' book. They include John McWhinnie and Mike Kelley. Each exhibition will present a survey of their contributions.

"In Memorium: the Publications of John McWhinnie" (1968 - 2012) will present a complete collection of the books McWhinnie published in this lifetime. The exhibition will be located in the Performance Dome.

McWhinnie was a rare-book dealer, gallerist and publisher of limited editions. He was the director of John McWhinnie at Glenn Horowitz Bookseller. The rare book shop and contemporary art gallery had locations in East Hampton and New York City. Glenn Horowitz Bookseller continues in both areas. McWhinnie also published artists books and exhibition catalogues through JMc & GHB Editions. He was a board member of NY Art Book Fair.

"A Homage to Mike Kelley" (1954-2012) will be presented by Gagosian Gallery. The exhibition includes a selection of materials reflecting Kelley's interests and passions, according to NY Art Book Fair. The exhibition is located in Gallery G. Kelley was the subject of a solo exhibition at Watermill Center in Water Mill, NY this summer.

"In Memoriam: The Book Catalogs of Steven Leiber" (1957-2012) will present Leiber's "infamous sales catalogues" plus the publications that they mimicked. The publications are from the collection of Philip Aarons, according to NY Art Book Fair. The exhibition is presented in the Performance Dome.



John McWhinnie at Glenn Horowitz Bookseller during last year's NY Art Book Fair. Courtesy Printed Matter, Inc.

International exhibitors include Russia, Poland, Denmark, Austria, Israel, Belgium, Brazil and others. United States exhibitors hail from Alaska, California, Oregon, Maryland and more. The bulk of exhibitors are from New York. Hamptons connections include KARMA and Harper's Books.



Edie Fake at the 2011 NY Art Book Fair. Courtesy Printed Matter, Inc.

BASIC FACTS: The seventh annual NY Art Book Fair takes place from Sept 28 to 30, 2012 at MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave at 46th Ave, Long Island City, NY. The fair is free.

Fair hours are from noon to 7 p.m. today (Friday), from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

For details, visit <http://nyartbookfair.com>.



Director of NY Art Book Fair AA Bronson and board chair Philip Aarons with board member John McWhinnie, who died earlier this year. Photo courtesy Printed Matter, Inc.