

**Cleveland Museum of Art
Inaugural Exhibition Posters
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Summary Information

Repository	Ingalls Library and Museum Archives
Creator	Burchfield, Charles, 1893-1967
Creator	Deike, Ruth
Creator	Filler, Frances
Creator	Roessler, Robert
Title	Cleveland Museum of Art Inaugural Exhibition Posters
Date	1915
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
Language	English

Biographical/Historical note

Cleveland real estate investor Ralph King was an important early supporter of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Although not involved in the museum's construction, he served on the advisory board in 1914 and joined the board of trustees in 1915. He served on the accessions committee and executive committee and was elected vice president in 1921. he also voluntarily served as curator of prints from 1919 to 1921.

King was also a supporter and trustee of the Cleveland School of the arts, and was especially interested in encouraging young artists. When the museum was under construction he offered a prize of \$100 for the best poster to be used at the opening. He was so impressed with the entries that he offered a second and third place prize as well. The winner was Robert Roessler, a sophomore at the school. Ruth Deike was awarded the \$50 second prize and Charles Burchfield was awarded the \$25 third prize. There is no evidence that the posters were used to promote the opening of the museum in 1916.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of four posters submitted by students of the Cleveland School of Arts to the museum under the auspices of Ralph King. The winning poster by Robert Roessler was to be used at the museum opening although there is no evidence of this, and the poster in the museum archives is an incomplete work.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ingalls Library and Museum Archives

Conditions Governing Access note

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Cleveland Institute of Art. Cleveland School of Art.
- Cleveland Museum of Art.

Subject(s)

- Art -- Ohio -- Cleveland.
- Artists -- Ohio -- Cleveland.
- Cleveland Museum of Art -- Exhibitions.

Collection Inventory

	Cabinet	Drawer	Folder
Inaugural Poster by Robert Roessler 1915	O-2-2	1	1
Inaugural Poster by Ruth Deike 1915	O-2-2	1	1
Inaugural Poster by Frances Filler 1915	O-2-2	2	1
Inaugural Poster by Charles Burchfield 1915	O-2-2	2	1