



Heart Art

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- Includes the stories behind the artworks
- Offers insights from a writer and lecturer of American decorative arts and a decorative arts historian
- The highest quality materials
- Thoughtful commentary bridges each chapter
- A unique collection of surprising art
- The book creates unlikely connections through time
- The perfect Valentine's Day or Mother's Day gift
- How a group of well-known artists have interpreted different variations of love, from sorrow to joy

The heart is one of art history's most enduring images. For us, the heart is a ubiquitous symbol of devotion, emotion, and romance. In **Heart Art**, authors Susan Klein and Cynthia Schaffner give readers a fascinating and often surprising iconographic tour of the heart in modern and contemporary art. With beautiful illustrations throughout, they show how artists use the heart to express their feelings toward the power of love, religious passion, cherished friendship, creativity, and the divine, among many other subjects. From Henri Matisse's "drawings with scissors" and Alexander Calder's standing mobiles, to Jim Dine's straw sculptures and Jeff Koons' hanging hearts, **Heart Art** makes for a special addition to anyone's art history library, or the perfect Valentine's Day gift.

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