

BACKGROUND

- ·CoCA is a contemporary art museum in the heart of Seattle (114 3rd Ave S)
- •They have a massive collection of slides in file cabinets in their physical archive in Greenwood, dating back to the early 1980s
- •In order to make their archives more accessible to the general public, they sought to have that collection digitized
- In addition, they sought contextual and biographical information that would help the public learn more about their collections

Bubble Bath, Frank Moore, From Media to Metaphor: Art about AIDS, 199

PROCESSING METHODOLOGY

- •A sampling of 5-10 slides from each exhibition
- ·Slides had to be scanned, uploaded onto the COCA archives day Library Thing: the sponsor then backloaded them onto the CoCA digital archive site
- Information accompanying the database included

 - Year of exhibit
 - Curator name
 - Scope notes



The Pink Project, Portia Munson, Kunstkabinett, 1995

CONTEXTUALIZATION METHODOLOGY

- •Exact dates of exhibition
- Location of exhibition
- •List of artists present at the exhibition
- Information regarding the nature of the art st
- Often included reviews from art critics at the Seat
- The Stranger

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- ·Given the large numberof unlabeled slides, future archivists will probably have to contact artists to make a proper iden
- •Future archivists will need to take stock of which slides CoCA specifically owns and figure out what to do with slides of u
- •Figure out how to attract people to the online digital archive social media promotion?
- •Expand the previous efforts to list CoCA exhibitions on WIkipedia include information from scope notes about each ex

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