



THE ART OF LOVE

The Romantic and Explosive Stories Behind Art's Greatest Couples

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The Art of Love profiles of some of the most fascinating couples of the art world, exploring the passionate, challenging and loving relationships behind some of the world's greatest works of art and revealing both the magical and dangerous effects that two artists in a romantic relationship can have on each other's work.

The Art of Love delves into the formation, peculiarities and sometimes breakdown of each romance, documenting their highs and lows and proving just how powerful love can be in the creative process. Whether long-lasting, peaceful collaborations, or short-lived, tumultuous, or indeed secret affairs, **Kate Bryan** opens the door on a range of great love stories: the rivalries, the intensity, the suffocating nature of devoting a marriage to art, and conversely the freedom of living a life entirely wrapped up in creativity. She also repositions artists overlooked by their more famous and successful spouse.



"In writing this presentation of 34 artist couples from 1880 to the present day, I have come across more romantically engaged artists than I could have imagined. There were many artist couples that were considered and whose stories remain unwritten here... In my selection, I endeavoured to give the broadest possible artistic spectrum of the past century or so, and as many different perspectives on artists in love as possible. The artists here represent 13 nationalities and reflect those who reached prominence and were 'accepted' in the twentieth century. Only 17 out of the 68 are alive today. It is my hope that through the spell of romance and love, new audiences will come to the art and artists beautifully represented in these pages by Asli Yazan. They are all by now my old friends and I hope this book enables you to cherish their tales and art as much as I do." **Kate Bryan**

The Art of Love features:

Alexander Rodchenko & Varvara Stepanova
Barbara Hepworth & Ben Nicholson
Bernd Becher & Hilla Becher
Camille Claudel & Auguste Rodin
Carl Andre & Ana Mendieta
Carroll Dunham & Laurie Simmons
Christo & Jeanne-Claude
Elaine de Kooning & Willem de Kooning
Emilia Kabakov & Ilya Kabakov
Frances Loring & Florence Wyle
Françoise Gilot & Pablo Picasso
Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera
Georgia O'Keeffe & Alfred Stieglitz
Gilbert & George
Gwendolyn Knight & Jacob Lawrence
Hans Arp & Sophie Taeuber-Arp
Idris Khan & Annie Morris

Jasper Johns & Robert Rauschenberg
Josef Albers & Anni Albers
Joseph Cornell & Yayoi Kusama
Kay Sage & Yves Tanguy
Lee Krasner & Jackson Pollock
Lee Miller & Man Ray
Leon Golub & Nancy Spero
Lili Elbe & Gerda Wegener
Maria Martins & Marcel Duchamp
Marina Abramovic & Ulay
Maud Hunt Squire & Ethel Mars
Max Ernst & Dorothea Tanning
Nancy Holt & Robert Smithson
Niki de Saint Phalle & Jean Tinguely
Raoul Hausmann & Hannah Höch
Robert Delaunay & Sonia Delaunay
Tim Noble & Sue Webster



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