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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Pollak, R. Robert
Title:	R. Robert Pollak Comic Art collection
ID:	12832360
ID:	MS#1851
Date [inclusive]:	1977-1993
Physical Description:	1 linear feet 1 box and 1 oversize folder
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); R. Robert Pollak Comic Art Collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

R. Robert Pollak is a graduate of Pratt Institute, drawing illustrations with a cartoon flair since the mid-1970's. Studied with David Edward Byrd (Godspell, Follies). Painting studies in Pietra Santa, Italy. Designed major displays/windows as a Visual Merchandiser on Fifth Avenue for over a decade. Oversaw corporate publications as art director for five years at the JC Penney Company's world headquarters. Teaching art and many other subjects for the NYC DOE for more than twenty years. Sabbatical studies at School of Visual Arts.

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Biographical / Historical

Many pen/ink illustrations have been published in an assortment of magazines/newspapers. Starting with the SoHo Weekly News and Saks Fifth Avenue, to more recently The Shawangunk Journal, The Ellenville Public Library and Museum, and historic Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

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Biographical / Historical

In 2009, with assistance from John S. Lucas, started a new Katy Keene Fan Club on FB. Administered and created art for that group up to 2011. It was an artistic homage to Bill Woggon's 1945 creation and a limited edition tribute pin-up comic was produced. Mermaids, Vixens, and Wenches, A Pin-Up Gallery was created in 2011. It featured postcard collections and an independent pin-up comic that debuted in 2012. Other renderings include several b/w pieces for Red Stylo Media's Shakespeare Shaken Anthology and more recently a short story for their Frankenstein Anthology. Created Ellen's Adventures at the Shadowland, a weekly comic strip, for an upstate New York newspaper. It incorporates the local Shadowland Theatre and landmarks in the Ulster County area. This comic strip is seasonal and has appeared in the Shawangunk Journal since 2012. In 2015 "The Phantom of Sam's Point" was the first compilation of comic strips from Ellen's Adventures at the Shadowland published by Red Stylo Media. Book 2 "My Alien Pal" was released in March of 2016, and Book 3 "Star Struck" in early 2017.

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Summary

A small collection of original comic art, by Fran Matera, Fred Lasswell, Fett, Gus Ariola, and Irwin Hasen, to be used as a teaching collection. More items are expected.

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Arrangement

Arranged in one series, by artist, within one large folder and 1 document box.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

2017.2018.M032: Source of acquisition--Curator: Karen Green. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1/23/2017.

Processing Information

Papers processed, ptl 9/1/2017.

Accrual

Accruals expected

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Controlled Access Headings

- Comic books, strips, etc
- Caricatures and cartoons
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- Artist
- Cartoonists
- Arriola, Gus
- Bald, Kenneth
- Barry, Dan, 1923-1997
- Connor, Dale
- Fujitani, Bob, 1921-
- Goldberg, Rube, 1883-1970
- Hasen, Irwin, 1918-2015
- Lasswell, Fred
- Matera, Fran
- Parker, Gladys
- Pollak, R. Robert
- Saunders, Allen, 1899-1986
- Starr, Leonard
- Young, Chic, 1901-1973

Collection Inventory

Original Comic Art:	
Title/Description	Instances
Gladys Parker, "Mopsy", 9/26/1964	box 1
R. Robert Pollak "The Boy with the Boot" Postcard	box 1
The Cartoonist, 25th anniversary issue, 1970 tribute to Rube Goldberg, 1970	box 1
Heritage vol. 1.1a, 1972 signed by Al Williamson, Gray Morrow, and MW Kaluta, 1972	box 1
<i>The Cavalcade of Comics</i> . (exhibit of famous comics features), 1968	box 1
Dale Messick " <i>Brenda Starr</i> " Chicago Tribune, 1954	mapcase 15-K-11
Leonard Starr " <i>Mary Perkins, On Stage</i> ."	mapcase 15-K-11
Fred Lasswell (artist) "Snuffy Smith" daily strip, News Syndicate, 1939	mapcase 15-K-11
Irwin Hasen (artist), "Dondi" Sunday strip, 3/2/1977	mapcase 15-K-11
Irwin Hasen (artist), "Dondi" Sunday strip, 1/16/1977	mapcase 15-K-11
Chic Young <i>Dagwood</i> , 3/25/n.y.	mapcase 15-K-11
Dan Barry and Bob Fujitani <i>Flash Gordon</i> . King Features, 1980	mapcase 15-K-11
Fred Lasswell "Snuffy Smith". King Features, 1989 (inscribed "For the Bodacious Bob Pollak and his very artistic students at P.S. 230 Best Wishes Fred Lasswell 1/26/98", 1989	mapcase 15-K-11
Fran Matera "Steve Roper and Mike Nomad" North America Syndicate, Inc., 5/16/1995	mapcase 15-K-11
Fran Matera "Steve Roper and Mike Nomad" North America Syndicate, Inc., 11/19 & 20/1993, 11/19, 20/1993	mapcase 15-K-11
Gus Ariola (artist), "Gordo" daily strip. United Feature Syndicate, Inc., 6/18/84	mapcase 15-K-11
Leonard Starr "Annie". Tribune Company Syndicate, Inc., 1982	mapcase 15-K-11
Allen Saunders and Dale Connor "Mary Worth". North America Syndicate, Inc., 7/12/1987	

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Ken Bald "Dr. Kildare". King Features Syndicate, Inc., 1967

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