

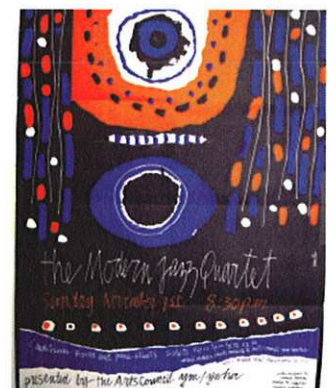
Flying Colors: Sam Maitin's Legacy at The Gershman Y



This exhibit documents the remarkable partnership between Sam Maitin and The Gershman Y. In the 1960's and 70's, the Y Arts Council led Philadelphia with pathbreaking exhibits and events, involving legendary figures from poets Ferlinghetti and Auden to musicians Ornette Coleman and the Modern Jazz Quartet, the Living Theater, Edward Albee, choreographers Merce Cunningham and Paul Taylor, and more. Sam Maitin, then an active young artist, donated his talents to create a series of posters whose graphic punch still conveys the maverick energy of that time. Maitin continued his association with The Gershman Y until his death in 2004; his exuberant collage-and-text work continues to be part of The Gershman Y's logo and publications.

In a long career, Sam Maitin (1928-2004) created a large body of work including watercolor, prints, collage, sculpture and murals. Active early on with the Philadelphia Print Club, he was a founding member of Prints in Progress. He designed books on Jean Dubuffet, Joan Miró and Marino Marini in collaboration with each artist for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Maitin's work has been the subject of solo shows in galleries in Philadelphia, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Frankfurt, London, San Miguel de Allende (Mexico) and other cities. His work is held in the permanent collections of Library

of Congress, the Museum of Modern Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Tate Gallery in London, and the Klingspor Museum in Frankfurt. He created numerous murals in Philadelphia, including works at The Gershman Y and the JCCs Kaiserman Branch, the Annenberg School of Communications and the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania, Hahnemann Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; a set of murals awaits installation at the Please Touch Museum's new home in Fairmount Park.



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