

Synopsis of RIT AMICO Library Web Survey from 40 users during the 1998-99 Testbed Project

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Please identify your status at RIT

(4) Faculty
(7) Staff
(29) Undergraduate Student

Did you have any difficulty connecting to the AMICO Collection?

(30) No
(10) Yes

If you had difficulty connecting to the AMICO Collection, please explain.

10 out of 40 had trouble connecting because the RLG simultaneous user number was set too low

Were the instructions clear?

(39) Yes

How could the instructions be improved?

A little more explanation about what the search category "type" entailed would be helpful. And a caution about only using the "back" button on the actual database & not the one on Netscape. Faster Server...

I personally thought that the instructions were very user friendly and I really don't see where improvement could be made.

Kari Horowicz knows what she's talking about. No need for improvement
none

the instructions are in fact clear I do have questions about the sytems used to organize information in the data base

They are perfectly clear, I understood them well enough that they don't need clarification.

they cant be improved- they're perfect

Use javascripting to remove the navigation buttons from Netscape so you don't hit the back button since it screws up the searching.

What images were you looking for?

Anything by Joseph Cornell -Sculpture by Picasso
Canadian Group of Seven, Adirondacks, Niagara Falls

contemporary sculpture, installation

furniture works by Rodin works containing flowers sculpture in San Francisco museums

Georgia O'Keeffe images

I searched for several different things just to learn about AMICO

I tried a creator search for more contemporary artists (performance and installation) and had difficulty with this. But I tried a keyword search for installation and it brought up some images, not exactly what I was looking for, but some artists that I had in mind and couldn't remember their names, and some that I wasn't looking for but were good to view none the less.

(2) I was just doing some leisure browsing

I was looking for images of Cupid.

I was looking for images of sculptures of void and solids.

I was looking for sculptures that were produced in the 1980s.

I was looking for solid mass sculptures and objects with space intertwined with mass

images that had to deal with sculptures using the idea of space and void.

Images/art created by Judy Chicago-0 by Joan Miro - 7 women -204 photo or photographer-1,881

color-1029 Judy Dater-1 gouache

installation art

Joan Miro Joan Miro and gouache Vietnam War War

modern sculptures

paintings done by Hieronymus Bosch and works done by Marcel Duchamp

Paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe, Winslow Homer, Stieglitz, Claude Monet, Henry Matisse, Pablo Picasso

sculpture forms representing solids and voids. a very tasty treat indeed!

sculpture in the 1980's

(2) sculpture in the 1980's - 1990's

sculpture, solid, void

(4) sculptures

Sculptures dealing with spatial relations (i.e. solid and void)

sculptures from the 1980's and 90's

sculptures of solids and voids

sculptures representing solids and voids

Solids and Voids in sculpture from the 80's and 90's.

video installation pieces.

We are looking for sculptures that deal with either solid form or negative space (void).

wildlife

Did you find what you needed in the AMICO Collection?

(1) No

(14) Partially

(25) Yes

Describe 2-3 of your successful searches (i.e. what type - Simple or Advanced, search terms)

- Used advanced search to separate the sculptures from Picasso's large body of work. - Found a couple of Joseph Cornell's works that I had not seen before.

1980's sculpture, advanced search, time and type

advanced

advanced :date : 199? not material, type : painting drawing advanced : date : 199? type :
 installation
 advanced sculpters 199? 198?
 advanced search - sculpture / 1980's
 Advanced Search of Sculptures in 1980's and in the 1990's
 advanced searching with dates and genre ie sculpture installation
 advanced, sculpture
 advanced, sculpture AND 198?
 advanced: sculpture and 1980
 I did 3 successful Simple searches.
 I did a simple search using sailing as a keyword. I searched for Ansel Adams
 I found a number of hits for Rodin and was pleased with the quality of the images. I also found a
 number of works containing flowers & was able to find out where they were housed, etc.
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 I only did one search- a simple search. This is the first time I've used this database, and was
 happily surprised to see all the info I could obtain! It was especially helpful when commentary
 about the images was available.
 I tried an advanced search with the keywords photography and new york and that brought up
 some useful images. I also tried searching for Andy Warhol as a simple search, and Roy
 Litchenstien (artist I assumed would be in the databse). I also used a search with painting.
 I used advanced boolean searches - type sculpture and date 197?, 198? to find my images
 I used advanced search and clicked the words and, type, sculpture, and then 198? and 199?
 I used the advanced search for sculptures from the 1980's.
 I used the advanced search. I used the terms sculpture and the date 198?.
 I used the simple search for both of the topics and I immediatly recieved the results
 Keyword Joan Miro = several keyword War = several, a few photographs
 O'Keeffe Georgia Pop art
 our search for 1980's sculptures was successful. our search for 1990's sculptures was
 successful.
 pollack georgia o'keefe
 Sculpture\198?-Advanced Sculpture\199?-Advanced Sculpture\196?-Advanced
 (2) simple and advanced
 simple searches by artist's name
 simple see #7 above advanced (photographer or photo) and women 33 hits color and
 photographer 93 hits
 Type:sculpture, 1980-199?
 Was more successful at finding what I wanted when searching by place and museum, then
 browsing through works and using the links provided in the description of the works.
 We used the advanced search for finding only sculptures in the 1980's and 1990's.

Describe 2-3 of your unsuccessful searches (i.e. what type - Simple or Advanced, search terms)

The search for Joseph Cornell's sculptures worked fine technically, but the small size of the data file was a problem. While I saw a couple of pieces that I had not seen before, I believe that little of his best work is found here.

Advanced search Materials - gouache and keyword - Miro = 0 " keyword - gouache and
 keyword-Miro =0 " keyword - gouache and type - painting = 2 none Miro keyword Vietnam
 War = 0

advanced searches were unsuccessful Stickley, Henry Matisse, Pablo Picasso
 advanced-subject-wildlife
 andy warhol and new york andy warhol and pittsburgh andy warhol and soup

I also tried type sculpture and keywords solid / void but didn't come up with anything.

(11) I did not have any unsuccessful searches.

I didn't find any images by Richard Avedon or Herb Ritz

I found what I needed in the first search.

I looked for an obscure artist who didn't show up. I searched the term "oil" in the type search option without luck.

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installation does not bring up nearly all the work that is in the data base one has to scroll through to find examples such as robert gober and dan graham which appear in sculpture 1980 but not installation

O'Keefe

simple 0 hits for Chicago, Judy

simple mixed media instalation

Starn Twins - no images Damien Hirst - no images

Used advanced search. Searched for creator and probably miss-spelled name. Searched for Group of Seven and found only 5 paintings, only 3 were what I wanted, although at least one hundred Group of Seven paintings are in the database.

Check off the "access points" you searched by

(31) Type

(26) Subject

(22) Date

(15) Creator

(3) Owner Place

(2) Owner Name

(2) Title

Are there any other "access points" in addition to the above that you would like to search the AMICO Library?

art movement

art movement I also think that to do a more advance search you would need to have more than just two options to search by.

artistic mediums, techniques

material type as a consistent entry

(9) no

style?

type, sculpture, and then the years.

Did you find the descriptive information useful?

(32) Yes

(5) Partially

(2) No

Did you find the commentary useful?

- (30) Yes
- (6) Partially
- (4) No

Do the available electronic image sizes of each work of art fulfill your needs?

- (37) Yes
- (3) Partially

Would you like to download the image and the text of the image together?

- (28) Yes
- (11) No

Overall, how useful did you find the AMICO Collection?

- (28) Very
- (13) Somewhat

For what purposes do you see the AMICO Collection used?

Art classes-photography,painting,school of crafts Art history Instructors of many other courses that have or will be creating powerpoint or other types of multimedia presentations. Appropriate images from Amico would enhance those lectures.

class assignment

educational - ie - class assignments

Finding info. and works by varios artists and finding examples of different styles of works.

(2) For art history research for papers, presentations, and teaching aids.

For many many purposes, educational, or galleries, all types of job professions, it really could be used for anything.

For research purposes, brainstorming, examples for presentations

for viewing images that may not be available in paper or in person and getting some background information

i teach studio art classes and as a visaul resource this is a great tool as a specific resourec I am not certian it really works.

I think it would be useful for classroom instruction and for any students interested in researching art history or becoming familiar with some american artists.

In an informational world, any access is positive

interest prep for helping students at the Reference desk

learning of new artist.

Mostly educational and research purposes - using an image in a term paper, for example.

publication, exploitation, and, of course, research

refrence and examples for learning and understanding concespts

(4) research

Research for artists and art lovers.

Research for projects and assignments

Research for projects, to see others artwork, something to relate to when doing a certain piece.

research on solid and void sculptures

researching for ideas

review for usefulness for our students

School and pleasure

school assignment

Searching for imagery on a specific subject matter. (Example- I could easily find many paintings and sculptures of Cupid, where in a book I would probably only find one at a time.) Or, finding all

the work of a particular artist. Also, finding out quickly where a work of art is located. Or, seeing what is at a museum you're considering visiting...

Teaching, homework, pleasure.

to expose young students to pieces of artwork that they may not normally be able to see.

to view pictures that aren't available elsewhere

Various research when doing projects.

Do you have any additional comments?

I had trouble using the back key in my browser, but your back button worked: I think you should have a message at the top of the search page telling users to please use the back button provided for best results. also when you arrange results in order of date, it doesn't really work correctly.

I hope this product will be sold to educational institutions at reasonable prices. Maybe grants could be found to provide the financial support for this at educational institutions. For many professors the creation of multimedia presentations is still in the future. This product may take some time to get the kind of use it deserves until there are more arts related distance learning courses. Maybe some sample uses in the classroom or lesson plans could be linked to the help screens.

I love it!!

I think that a lot of the people who will be using this database will be using it to research art/artists and are looking specifically for imagery. The database's main use will probably be by art students and professors. Because of the type of use it will be undergoing I think the database has a long way to go in order to be applicable in a classroom setting. There needs to be more material.

I think the database needs to be defined a little more specifically... right now, the creator name can be set either as firstname lastname or lastname, firstname and this should be unified. But the account option is REALLY cool, nicely done.

i would like to know that when i do a name search or subject /genre search that i am in fact reaching all of the abalbe images ion data base

Images CCD_.96:096:049 and CCD_.96:096:029 are vertical but they should be horizontal it would be nice if you would include the artist theses for the peices being shown.

make more excesable

(6) no

The send button disappeared several times while I was searching....very frustrating. Also, there is no consistency in how you find "creators"...also frustrating.

Yes

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Pop Art images